

for each year and the crude death rate per 100,000 population, from 1933 to 1942

TABLE II
Ten Leading Causes of Death in Canada (1) 1933-42

Year	Diseases of the Heart	Cancer (all forms)	Accidental or Violent Deaths	Nephritis	Diseases of the Arteries
1933	1 145.2	2 99.9	7 58.3	8 51.7	4 65.2
1934	1 151.3	2 97.9	6 59.8	8 52.2	3 68.3
1935	1 147.1	2 102.2	5 63.2	8 56.6	3 76.0
1936	1 149.1	2 106.2	4 67.8	8 58.1	3 82.7
1937	1 151.6	2 107.7	5 66.3	8 58.8	3 86.5
1938	1 155.2	2 107.5	5 64.4	7 58.0	3 89.1
1939	1 164.3	2 109.7	4 63.5	6 57.9	3 96.3
1940	1 178.3	2 117.2	4 65.2	5 60.1	3 103.3
1941	1 231.5	2 116.8	3 73.5	4 64.4	5 58.6
1942	1 236.4	2 117.2	3 69.8	4 62.1	5 56.0

Year	Diseases peculiar to the first year of life	Tuberculosis (all forms)	Pneumonia (all forms)	Intracranial lesions of vascular origin	Influenza (all forms)
1933	3 68.8	5 65.1	6 60.8	10 30.0	9 37.7
1934	4 64.2	7 59.5	5 60.4	9 28.9	10 18.5
1935	6 63.0	7 60.4	4 67.9	10 23.1	9 31.1
1936	7 60.0	6 61.4	5 66.4	10 20.4	9 28.3
1937	7 59.8	6 60.0	4 69.6	10 18.1	9 47.4
1938	6 58.9	8 54.7	4 66.4	10 18.0	9 21.1
1939	7 54.6	8 52.9	5 58.4	10 18.2	9 35.0
1940	6 55.6	8 50.9	7 53.9	10 20.2	9 24.5
1941	6 54.4	7 52.8	8 51.8	9 39.7	10 21.0
1942	6 51.7	7 51.5	8 49.6	9 38.4	10 10.5

(1) Exclusive of Yukon and the North West.

Changes in the classification of causes of death affect the figures for tuberculosis, diseases of the heart, diseases peculiar to the first year of life, and cardio-vascular causes. Table abbreviated from "State of Health of the People of Canada in 1942", Heagarty and Marshall.

Because of the gradual aging of the population, it is not surprising that there is a gradual increase in the crude death rate from cardio-vascular and renal diseases and from cancer. The decrease in the pneumonia death rate appears to indicate beneficial effects of new methods of treatment. Accidental deaths in 1941 and 1942 increased from the preceding five-year average. Automobile accidents were numerous in 1940 and 1941, but in 1942, as a result of the gasoline and rubber shortages, the death rate from this cause was below the average for 1926-40. As frequently happens, the number of suicides declined continuously during the war years.

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