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POPULATION.

The number of persons in the Cape Colony on the 31st December, 1906, is estimated at 2,487,690, made up as follows, Colony Proper, 1,515,259; Bechuanaland, 89,276; Transkeian Territories, 667,837; Pondoland, 214,285; and Walfish Bay, 1,033.

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION.

According to the Customs Department returns—which do not include Naval and Military passengers, and in which children are reckoned at the ordinary scale—there was an excess of departures by sea over arrivals between the 1st January, 1906, and the 31st December, 1906, of 6,139 practically all Europeans, the excess of departures over arrivals in the previous year numbered 758.

PASSENGERS LEAVING AND ENTERING THE COLONY BY RAIL, 1906.

The following table is compiled from returns kindly furnished by the Cape Government Railway Department:—

Route.	TO THE COLONY.					FROM THE COLONY.				
	European or White.		Other than European or White.		TOTAL.	European or White.		Other than European or White.		TOTAL.
	Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.		Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	
Via Norval's Pont	32,323	6,307	5,531	480	44,641	30,258	6,224	2,977	388	39,847
Via Bethulie Bridge	8,565	1,838	8,041	684	19,128	8,734	1,955	17,370	875	28,934
Via Lobatsi and Ramatlabama ...	5,100	496	8,903	249	14,748	5,065	1,027	8,001	958	15,051
Via Fourteen Streams	7,472	1,000	846	91	9,409	8,728	1,115	1,201	107	11,151
Total	53,460	9,641	23,321	1,504	87,926	52,785	10,321	29,549	2,328	94,983

From the above it will be seen that 5 more Europeans LEFT the Cape Colony in one year by the Railway Systems than entered it in the same manner. Of the coloured population 7,052 more passengers LEFT the Cape Colony than entered it by rail. The total excess of departures over arrivals during 1905 was 7,057 persons.

ADMINISTRATION.

The provisions of the Act have been carried out very mildly. In 1895 twenty persons were charged, in 1896 sixty (thirteen being Europeans), in 1897 one hundred and seven (twenty-nine being Europeans), in 1898 one hundred and twenty-four (fifty-five being Europeans), in 1899 two hundred and twenty-one (fifty-four being Europeans), in 1900 one hundred and eighteen (fifty-one being Europeans), with the result that one hundred and eight convictions followed, in 1901 only forty-eight (twenty being Europeans) were charged, with forty convictions, in 1902 fifty Europeans and forty Coloured persons were accused and 84 convicted; in 1903, one hundred and two (fifty being Europeans) were charged and 97 convicted, in 1904 ninety-four (forty-seven Europeans) were charged and 77 convicted, in 1905 seventy-nine (forty Europeans) were charged and 70 convicted, and in 1906 one hundred and seven (58 Europeans) were charged and 99 convicted.

There are 115 Deputy Registrars all told, the area comprised in their jurisdiction being 276,995 square miles.

An important alteration was made by G.N., No. 763, of 5th November, 1900, in Regulation No. XXIV., and since that date Births can be registered within 7 instead of 5 years.

The Resident Magistrate, Port Nolloth, is the only officer who still (December, 1906), retains the appointment of Deputy-Registrar *ex-officio*.

In all other cases, special appointments are made.

During the last twelve months (1st January, to 31st December, 1906), some few alterations as to Urban Areas have been made. Woodstock has, by Proclamation 459 of 1905, been created a separate Magisterial District, Adendorp (*Graaff-Reinet*) and McGregor, formerly Lady Grey (*Robertson*), have been made Municipalities by Proclamations 33 and 495 of 1906. By Proclamation 411 of the same year Naanwpoort (*Colesberg*) was created a Special Urban Area, whilst Nqamakwe, Niekerk's Hope (*Hay*), Mount Frere and Windsorton (*Barkly West*) have by Proclamations 73, 199, 255 and 309 of 1906 been placed under the control of the "Village Management Act."

REGISTRATION OFFICE ROUTINE.

With our small staff, it is almost superfluous to record our inability to deal with the subject so often referred to in similar terms, viz., the great task of preparing a *General Alphabetical Index of Names of Persons Born and Died*. We have barely been able to accomplish the absolutely necessary work. An important subject connected with Diseases, *e.g.*, occupations, cannot be discussed, while only the fringe of the age question can be touched. Errors, and the still more perplexing inconsistencies in *Dates and Names*, continue to take up as much of the time of the staff as ever, not only in Marriage cases, but in Births and Deaths matters, and it is an uphill task to endeavour, in the interests of those who may not be directly concerned for years to come, to rectify reports, while the only persons qualified to amend the same are accessible.

The practice of this Department in regard to the difficult subject of the Names of *Natives* remains the same as that stated in the Preliminary Report for 1896:—

"It is not the policy or intention of this Department to interfere with any distinct native custom. It is simply desired that one definite plan of reporting may be followed. If, therefore, a Christian native woman contracts a marriage, and such marriage is solemnized under the provisions of the Order in Council of 1838, or the marriage Act of 1860, it will surely not be unreasonable to require that when such person comes to report the birth of her child, or the death of her husband, she shall sign the information form in the manner contemplated by the regulations. All that is aimed at is *consistency*. If the Registration system is to be of any value for the purposes of identifying individuals and facilitating the tracing of claims to property, uniformity of practice must be insisted upon."

TABULATION BY REGISTRATION DATES.

For the decennial period 1895-1904 the final results of registration of Births and Deaths have been brought out according to the dates of the *occurrences* of the events recorded. For example events that occurred in 1900 but were only reported and registered in 1904, being added to the events of 1900, previously accounted for.

In rural areas the limit of time allowed by the Registration Act within which Births and Deaths events should be reported is three months.

By the system of tabulation by *occurrence dates*, it was necessary therefore to allow three months of the succeeding year to elapse before events could be extracted and the tabulation finally taken in hand of Births and Deaths which occurred, but were not registered in the previous year. It has now been deemed advisable to change the system hitherto in vogue to that of tabulation by *dates of registration*.

The apparent falling off in the total number of Births and Deaths for the year 1905, as compared with the previous year 1904 may therefore be explained as due to the adoption of this new system of tabulation.

SYSTEM OF REPORTING.

Reports are made by Informants (*a*) by Forms (*b*) in Books.

Books are made use of in Locations specially treated, and the native informants have to appear personally before the Deputy-Registrar or the Assistant, and sign the proper Book. In one Native District, where exceptional circumstances obtain, the Headmen or Chiefs are allowed to make periodical bulk statements (*Numerical System*) of the number of males and females born or died in their locations. Transcripts of the book entries are forwarded to the Registrar every month.

In Municipalities, Villages under Board Management and Special Urban Areas, Births, Still-births and Deaths must be reported in person to the Deputy-Registrar or Assistant, in whose presence the Informant must sign the Registration forms; otherwise the forms must be declared to before a J.P., Minister, or Medical Man. *Outside* Municipalities, Villages under Board Management, and Special Urban Areas, the Informants must appear personally before the Deputy-Registrar, or Assistant, or Field-cornet, or any Police Officer, and sign the forms, or must have them declared to, or must sign them in the presence of a witness. The Deputy-Registrar transcribes the entries from the forms into his Registration Book, and forwards the original forms to the Registrar.

RACE DISTINCTION.

The following main race distinctions are observed, viz.: (1) European or White, (2) Malay, (3) Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana, (4) Hottentot, Mixed and Other. The *European or White* population consists of the other Teutonic races, who more recently entered the Colony. The *Malay* class, consisting of only 15,682 souls than to any feeling of race. As its name implies, it is of Asiatic origin. *Hottentots*—the name given to the aboriginal natives with whom the Dutch pioneers first came into contact—include a sprinkling of Korannas, Bushmen and Namaquas. But it will no doubt be found that the term "Hottentot" is used as synonymous with "mixed." "Hottentot" births, therefore, are classed with "mixed," the separate specification being too doubtful. The number of pure-bred Hottentots can be but small. The *Fingoes* form part of the Bantu family, but were separately considered in the Census tables in consequence of the peculiar relations in which, by force of circumstances, they stand to the Colony, and of their progress in civilisation. *Kafirs and Bechuanas* include—taking them in order of numerical importance—Amaxosa, Tembu, Pandomise, Baca, Xesibe, population which has sprung from the intercourses of the Colonists with the indigenous races, and increasing Chinese, Mozambiques, Griquas, &c. They also comprise children born of parents belonging to *different* elements of the four main races.

The proportion of each race to the total population of the *whole* Colony in 1904 was as follows:—European, 24.06; Malay, 0.65; Hottentot, 3.79; Fingo, 12.89; Kafir and Bechuana, 46.23; Mixed and Other, 12.38.

PROPORTION OF THE SEXES, 1904.

It was established by the Census figures that to every hundred males alive on the 17th April, 1904, there were 97.70 females. When, however, the races are considered separately, conspicuous variations are noticeable. Thus, the proportion for Hottentots was 94.06 for every 100 males; for Europeans, 82.00; for Kafirs, 104.25; for Mixed and Other, 95.30; for Malays, 98.96; and for Fingoes, 110.96. In the District of Kimberley the employment of a large male population in the Diamond Mining industry accounts for the low proportion of females, viz., 56.21 in 1904. This cause still operates, and renders so striking the present disproportion between Births and Deaths at Kimberley and Beaconsfield.

MARRIAGES.

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED, 1892-1906.

Year.	Number.	Year.	Number.	Year.	Number.
1892	6,414	1897	8,446	1902	12,179
1893	6,892	1898	8,723	1903	12,219
1894	7,005	1899	8,537	1904	12,026
1895	7,360	1900	8,741	1905	10,542
1896	7,861	1901	9,552	1906	11,052

Marriages.—The total number of Marriages solemnized during 1906 was 11,052, an increase of 510 as compared with the previous year.

It will be seen from the above table that, with the exception of the year 1899, there has been a gradual increase in the number of Marriages solemnized in this Colony since 1892 up to and including the year 1903. The figures for 1904, however, show a decrease of 193 as compared with those for the year 1903; and in 1905 there was a further falling off to the extent of 1,484. It is therefore interesting to note a slight improvement in regard to the year 1906 which is, however, still 1,167 short of the number registered in 1903.

The Returns for 1906 show that Friday was again regarded as the unpropitious day for the solemnization of the Marriage ceremony, as out of 11,052 Marriages 269 (compared with 354 out of 10,542 in 1905) of the whole took place on that day.

Tuesdays were most frequently selected, 3,906 or 35.34 per cent. occurring then (3,696 or 35.1 per cent. in 1905 and 4,229 or 35.2 per cent. in 1904); Mondays coming next with 3,353 or 30.34 per cent. (3,135 or 29.74 per cent. in 1905 and 3,724 or 30.9 per cent. in 1904); while 1,768 happened on Wednesdays, 720 on Thursdays, 466 on Saturdays, and 570 on Sundays. The highest number, namely 118, solemnized on any one day is recorded against Tuesday, 2nd January, with 111 on Tuesday, 24th April. The largest number in a full week was 300 in the seven days ended 21st April, and the lowest 157 in November. In 9,937 cases banns were called by Ministers of Religion or by Resident Magistrates, the remaining instances, 1,115, being by special licence.

The number of Marriages before Protestant Clergymen (including Salvation Army Officers) was 9,746, Roman Catholic 303, Orthodox Greek Church 3, and Jewish 74, while 926 or 8.38 per cent. (compared with 1,046 or 9.9 per cent. in 1905, 1,108 or 9.2 per cent. in 1904 and 1,334 or 10.9 per cent. in 1903) were dealt with by Magistrates, under the provisions of Act 16 of 1860. The majority of the parties wedded belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church, the number of Marriages being 3,083 (compared with 2,783 in 1905 and 3,291 in 1904.)

The Church of England follows next with 2,124, which was 219 in advance of the Wesleyan Church, while Congregational, including Independent and London Missionary Society, show 1,075 Marriages. In point of Education 27.07 per cent. of the wives and 27.32 per cent. of the husbands could not write their names. It appears that in 823 cases widowers married spinsters, in 317 bachelors married widows, and in 70 widowers married widows. There were 64 cases relating to divorced wives or husbands.

BIRTHS.

PROPORTION OF THE SEXES, 1906.

It appears to be the general rule in European countries for male births to exceed the female. This rule also applies to the Cape Colony.

Taking the figures for the *Colony Proper* for 1905-1906 we can derive the following percentages, viz. :-

Race.	To each 100 Girls.	To each 100 Boys.	Race.	To each 100 Girls.	To each 100 Boys.
European ...	1905 104.87 boys.	95.35 girls.	Mixed and others ...	1905 103.05 boys.	97.04 girls.
	1906 105.25 "	95.01 "		1906 102.43 "	97.62 "
Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana	1905 104.24 "	95.93 "	All Races ...	1905 103.94 "	96.21 "
	1906 103.34 "	96.76 "		1906 103.83 "	96.31 "
Malay ...	1905 96.34 "	103.80 "	Other than European...	1905 103.38 "	96.72 "
	1906 113.67 "	87.97 "		1906 102.99 "	97.11 "

Placing the figures above quoted beside those given in the Census Tables, the following interesting comparison attracts attention, viz. :-

Race.	Females alive 17th April, 1904, to every 100 males.	Females born in 1906, to every 100 males.	Females born in 1905, to every 100 males.
European ...	82.16	95.01	95.35
Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana	91.70	96.76	95.93
Hottentot, Mixed and Other	94.64	97.62	97.04
Malay ...	98.81	87.97	103.80

GENERAL COMPARATIVE SUMMARY. COLONY PROPER, 1904, 1905 AND 1906, WITH PROPORTIONS.

* Events having been extracted in regard to 1904, 1905 and 1906, the grand total of Births for 1904 computes to 56,802, for 1905 to 53,028, and for 1906 to 57,870. The figures for Bechuanaland are 1,609, 1,656, 1,724 respectively. The figures for Walfish Bay are small, only 16, 29 and 17 respectively, Pondoland 799, 824, 1166, while for the combined other Transkeian Territories they are 7,958, 6,387, and 6,590. For purposes of comparison it is advisable to restrict attention to the Colony Proper, although even then in some of the areas like Glen Grey, carrying an overwhelming Kaffir and Fingo population, birth reports, owing to the strong prejudices of the people, are manifestly imperfect. The figures are :-

COLONY PROPER, *excluding* BECHUANALAND AND NATIVE TERRITORIES.

SEX AND YEAR.	White.	Malay.	Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.	Hottentot, Mixed and Other.	Total other than European or White.	Total.
M. 1904 ...	9,006	291	6,035	8,321	14,647	23,653
1905 ...	8,417	263	5,576	8,235	14,074	22,491
1906 ...	9,284	291	6,148	8,915	15,354	24,638
F. 1904 ...	8,602	293	5,712	8,159	14,164	22,766
1905 ...	8,026	273	5,349	7,991	13,613	21,639
1906 ...	8,821	256	5,949	8,703	14,908	23,729

The undermentioned percentage proportions are calculated on these figures :-

SEX AND YEAR.	White.	Malay.	Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.	Hottentot, Mixed and Other.	Total other than European or White.	Total.
M. 1904 ...	38.08	1.23	25.51	35.18	61.92	100.00
1905 ...	37.42	1.17	24.79	36.62	62.58	100.00
1906 ...	37.18	1.08	25.07	36.67	62.82	100.00
F. 1904 ...	37.78	1.29	25.09	35.84	62.22	100.00
1905 ...	37.09	1.26	24.72	36.93	62.91	100.00
1906 ...	37.17	1.08	25.07	36.68	62.83	100.00

* Including "at Sea" cases.

The population of the Colony Proper on the 31st December, 1906, was estimated to be 1,515,259, which gives a *Birthrate* of 31.92 per 1,000.

Birthrates for European Countries and Australasian States and Colonies may be quoted from the *New South Wales Year Book*, 1904-5, as follows :-

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.—1903, rate per 1,000 of population: Austria, 37.0; Italy, 31.5; Germany, 35.1; England and Wales, 28.4; Scotland, 29.2; Norway, 28.7; Belgium, 27.5; Ireland, 23.1; France, 21.1.

AUSTRALASIAN STATES.—1904, rate per 1,000 of population: Queensland, 26.86; New South Wales, 26.73; Tasmania, 29.59; South Australia, 24.70; New Zealand, 26.94; Western Australia, 30.34; Victoria, 24.64.

The subjoined return shows as regards a selection of the Principal Cities and Towns the total number of Births which occurred during the three years 1904, 1905 and 1906, and had so far been registered.

CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS, 1904, 1905, 1906.

Cities and Towns.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Cities and Towns.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Cape Town ...	2,856	2,633	2,742	Wynberg ...	765	737	671
Woodstock ...	1,349	1,315	1,411	Claremont ...	675	681	641
Port Elizabeth...	1,214	1,240	1,278	Uitenhage ...	500	512	519
Kimberley ...	866	851	942	Paarl... ..	451	466	474
East London ...	747	693	800	Graham's Town	450	457	465

If attention be paid to *European* Births by themselves, the results appear thus :-

CITIES AND TOWNS.	M.			F.			CITIES AND TOWNS.	M.			F.		
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.		1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Cape Town ...	519	460	486	584	457	484	Wynberg ...	151	155	142	136	155	128
Woodstock ...	444	407	436	457	385	397	Claremont ...	102	119	137	119	124	100
Port Elizabeth...	351	357	385	352	354	349	Uitenhage ...	105	123	124	130	125	129
Kimberley ...	233	238	268	226	220	252	Paarl ...	75	79	81	66	59	63
East London ...	277	226	265	228	228	238	Graham's Town	108	108	122	100	95	103

URBAN AND RURAL CASES, 1904, 1905 AND 1906.

Not only are Municipalities treated as Urban areas, but localities under the operation of the Village Management Act and regions specially proclaimed to be Urban.

In the Colony Proper there had been 23,557 Urban Births and 22,862 Rural in 1904, 22,863 Urban and 21,267 Rural in 1905, and 24,085 Urban and 24,282 Rural in 1906. For the White and Coloured Races and for the two Sexes the comparative figures are as follows :-

COLONY PROPER, *excluding* BECHUANALAND AND NATIVE TERRITORIES.

YEAR.	White.				Coloured.				Total.			
	Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1904 ...	5,298	5,115	3,708	3,487	6,631	6,513	8,016	7,651	11,929	11,628	11,724	11,138
1905 ...	4,997	4,803	3,420	3,223	6,639	6,424	7,435	7,189	11,636	11,227	10,855	10,412
1906 ...	5,390	4,984	3,894	3,837	6,960	6,751	8,394	8,157	12,350	11,735	12,288	11,994

and they give the understated percentage proportions :-

YEAR.	White.	Malay.	Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.	Hottentot, Mixed and Other.	Total other than European or White.	Total.
1904 ...	11.41	11.02	7.99	7.51	14.29	14.03
1905 ...	11.32	10.88	7.75	7.30	15.05	14.56
1906 ...	11.14	10.30	8.05	7.93	14.39	13.96

As a similar statement has been abstracted in regard to the Deaths which occurred in and outside the Cities and Towns, we are enabled to make an interesting comparison, showing the concentration of population in the Townships, thus :-

YEAR.	Births.					Deaths.				
	Urban.		Rural.		Both.	Urban.		Rural.		Both.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
1904 ...	11,929	11,628	11,724	11,138	46,419	9,054	7,593	7,314	6,823	30,784
Percentage ...	25.70	25.05	25.26	23.99	100.00	29.41	24.67	23.76	22.16	100.00
1905 ...	11,636	11,227	10,855	10,412	44,130	8,460	7,177	6,251	6,263	28,151
Percentage ...	26.37	25.44	24.59	23.60	100.00	30.05	25.49	22.21	22.25	100.00
1906 ...	12,350	11,735	12,288	11,994	48,367	8,766	7,065	6,297	6,124	28,252
Percentage ...	25.53	24.26	25.41	24.80	100.00	31.03	25.01	22.29	21.67	100.00

URBAN CASES ALONE, 1906.

Births.—Discarding all rural cases, it is found that at present there are only 24,085 events in the Colony excluding Bechuanaland and the Native Territories, to be treated of, and it is only too evident that there are numerous unreported cases. For sex, the division is 51·28 per cent. boys and 48·72 girls. European or White infants absorbed 43·07 per cent. of the whole; Malay 2·15; Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana, 14·66; Hottentot, Mixed and Other, 40·12.

Deaths.—There is no reason to think, on the contrary, that the Town mortality statistics are not fairly comprehensive. There were in 1906 in Cities, Towns and Special Urban Areas in the Colony Proper no less than 15,831 cases, whereof considerably more than half (55·37) were of males. Europeans contributed 25·21 per cent. of the total; Malays, 2·17; Fingo, Kaffirs and Bechuanas, 29·44; Hottentots, Mixed and Others, 43·18.

The above returns may be exhibited side by side thus:—

	Urban Total.	Percentage.		European.	Malay.	Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.	Hottentot, Mixed and Other.
		M	F.				
Births	24,085	51·28	48·72	43·07	2·15	14·66	40·12
Deaths	15,831	55·37	44·63	25·21	2·17	29·44	43·18

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

The total number of births of *European or White* infants was 18,105 in the Colony Proper, comprising 9,284 males and 8,821 females; of these 442 were illegitimate, 207 being male and 235 of the female sex. It follows, therefore, that the percentage of illegitimate to total births was 2·44 of the European or White events. By way of comparison, the following figures taken from *Coghlan's Statistical Account of Australia and New Zealand* are given:—

VARIOUS COUNTRIES.—Illegitimate births to every 100 children born, based on the latest quinquennial period: Austria, 14·55; Sweden, 10·80; German Empire, 9·21; Belgium, 8·51; France, 8·26; Prussia, 7·84; Scotland, 6·33; Norway, 7·35; Italy, 6·34; England, 4·04; Ireland, 2·65. Australian percentages, 1903: New South Wales, 6·71; Victoria, 5·73; Western Australia, 4·69; Queensland, 6·79; Tasmania, 5·61; New Zealand, 4·55; South Australia, 4·16.

Before discussing the subject of percentages obtained from the figures published on other pages, it is worth while to advert to the difficult question of marriage by *Native Custom*. The Chief Justice, in deciding on the appeal case of *Nggobela vs. Sihole*, heard in the Supreme Court, December, 1893, delivered an elaborate judgment, from which the following items of information are taken. Act No. 16 of 1860 provides for the appointment of Marriage Officers for solemnising the marriages of persons professing the Mohammedan faith according to the Mohammedan customs and usages, but not for marriages according to Native custom, and a union therefore founded only upon native usage and custom within the Colony proper is not a marriage, and Courts of Law are bound to treat the intercourse as illicit. Any marriage which would be regarded as valid in any of the dependencies of the Colony, must be regarded as valid in the Colony, although Colonial solemnities have not been observed (and this is important), if it is not opposed to the essential nature of the contract as understood in the Colony. The Court held the effect of Proclamation No. 14 of 1885 is to dispense with the solemnities required by the laws of the Colony Proper in the case of natives electing to marry in Tembuland (it was a case originating there that was before the Court) according to their own customs. If they register the marriage it has the same effect as marriage contracted under Colonial law; if they do not register it remains valid, but its effect must be judged by the native custom of the territory. The Supreme Court can only administer the law of the Colony, but for that purpose it may become necessary to give effect to the laws of other countries and dependencies so far as they affect the validity of any contract entered into by the parties to the suit, &c.

From the foregoing considerations it will be evident that from the information obtainable from the general run of natives, it is impossible to state for certain how many births are legitimate or natural. In the Registration Books specially framed for use in Native Locations no enquiry is made as to the date or place of marriage, and under the numerical system the sole question asked is whether the infant is a boy or girl. The returns of Fingo and Kaffir births have been tabulated under three headings, Legitimate Cases, Native Custom, Illegitimate, but such an arrangement can only be viewed as a temporary expedient. When the difficulties of deciding the validity of certain native marriages in the Transkeian Territories are so great as to necessitate appeals to the Supreme Court to settle the moot points, this Department must reasonably be excused from tabulating decisively births the result of Native marriages as to which there is no evidence to prove the domicile of the parties at the time of the union.

It would be futile to investigate any proportion where such uncertainty exists.

Births of children belonging to the *Mixed, Other and Hottentot Races with Malays* amounted in 1906, in the *Colony Proper* only, to 18,165 in all, 9,206 being boys and 8,959 girls; of these events 5,795 were illegitimate, consisting of 2,922 males and 2,873 females, giving the following percentage proportions, viz.:—

Illegitimate births to total Malay, Mixed and Other births (Colony Proper only) ... 31·90

STILL BIRTHS.

The number of Still Births reported in the Urban Areas was as follows for the three years 1904, 1905, 1906, the events being taken out to 31st December, 1906:—

YEAR.	European.		Coloured.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1904	196	158	346	316
1905	195	170	350	298
1906	175	128	340	279

DEATHS.

GENERAL COMPARATIVE SUMMARY.—COLONY PROPER, 1904, 1905 AND 1906—with proportions.

In all, deaths to the number of 35,609 had been recorded for the year 1906.

The deaths registered in 1905 give a total of 36,699 cases; similar figures for 1904 are stated to be 40,695. The figures for Walfish Bay are insignificant—35, 79 and 55 deaths for the three years—while those for the Transkeian Territories 5,297, 6,666 and 8,001; Bechuanaland, 910, 878 and 876; Pondoland, 1,080, 890 and 938 for 1906, 1905 and 1904 are unavoidably imperfect, consequently it is advisable to compare—partially as it can now be done—simply the Colony Proper occurrences, which in 1906 numbered 15,063 as regards Males, and 13,189 for Females. 22·69 per cent. of the Male Deaths were amongst Whites and 77·31 amongst the Coloured Races; similar figures for Females show 21·51 and 78·49 per cent. respectively. It will be noticed that the percentages have varied slightly compared with the previous years. The subjoined statement affords a general view of the data:—

RETURN showing for each of the years 1904, 1905 and 1906 the number of Deaths of Male and Female persons of each of the four Main Races with percentage proportions.

COLONY PROPER ONLY, *excluding* BECHUANALAND AND NATIVE TERRITORIES.

SEX AND YEAR.	White.	Malay.	Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.	Hottentot, Mixed and Other.	Total other than White.	Total.
M. 1904	3,949	235	6,459	5,725	12,419	16,368
1905	3,353	193	5,972	5,193	11,358	14,711
1906	3,417	181	5,912	5,553	11,646	15,063
F. 1904	3,031	210	5,552	5,623	11,385	14,416
1905	2,640	215	5,218	5,367	10,800	13,440
1906	2,837	181	4,732	5,439	10,352	13,189

From the above data, the following percentages are derived:—

M. 1904	24·13	1·43	39·46	34·98	75·87	100·00
1905	22·79	1·31	40·60	35·30	77·21	100·00
1906	22·69	1·20	39·25	36·86	77·31	100·00
F. 1904	21·03	1·46	38·51	39·00	78·97	100·00
1905	19·64	1·60	38·82	39·94	80·36	100·00
1906	21·51	1·37	35·88	41·24	78·49	100·00

The population of the Colony Proper on the 31st December, 1906, was estimated to be 1,515,259 which would give a death rate of 18·64 per 1,000.

The death rates for the undermentioned countries have been taken from the *New South Wales Year Book, 1904-5*.

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.—1903 rate per 1,000 of population: Austria, 24·7; Italy, 22·2; Germany, 19·4; France, 19·2; Ireland, 17·5; England and Wales, 15·4; Scotland, 16·6; Norway, 14·8.

AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES AND STATES.—1904 rate per 1,000 of population: W. Australia, 11·91; Victoria, 11·92; Tasmania, 11·01; S. Australia, 10·22; Queensland, 10·01; N.S. Wales, 10·62; New Zealand, 9·57.

* Including "at Sea" cases.

CHIEF TOWNS, 1904, 1905 and 1906.

After the *non-resident* hospital cases have been deducted from the total number of deaths that happened in the most important centres of population, it is seen that the following comparative results show themselves, namely:—

Cities and Towns.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Cities and Towns.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Cape Town	1,522	1,556	1,518	Wynberg	461	423	362
Woodstock	543	535	588	Claremont	330	293	283
Port Elizabeth	631	627	643	Uitenhage	382	353	353
Kimberley	897	1,031	940	Paarl	333	287	290
East London	386	430	345	Graham's Town	326	334	337

URBAN AND RURAL CASES, 1904, 1905 and 1906.

For the purposes of the Act No. 7 of 1894, areas under Municipal and Village Board control, as well as certain specially so proclaimed, are termed and treated as "Urban." Confining attention to the Colony Proper alone, it will be seen that there were 16,647 Urban and 14,137 Rural in 1904, and 15,637 Urban and 12,514 Rural in 1905, and 15,831 Urban Deaths and 12,421 Rural in 1906, and that the component items for the two Races and Sexes give the following results:—

YEAR.	White.				Coloured.				Total.			
	Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1904... ..	2,624	1,913	1,325	1,118	6,430	5,680	5,989	5,705	9,054	7,593	7,314	6,823
1905... ..	2,286	1,743	1,067	897	6,174	5,434	5,184	5,366	8,460	7,177	6,251	6,263
1906... ..	2,242	1,749	1,175	1,088	6,524	5,316	5,122	5,036	8,766	7,065	6,297	6,124

From these figures the subjoined percentages are derived:—

1904... ..	8.52	6.22	4.30	3.63	20.89	18.45	19.46	18.53	29.41	24.67	23.76	22.16
1905... ..	8.12	6.19	3.79	3.19	21.93	19.30	18.42	19.06	30.05	25.49	22.21	22.25
1906... ..	7.94	6.19	4.16	3.85	23.09	18.82	18.13	17.82	31.03	25.01	22.29	21.67

AGES, NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES, 1904, 1905 and 1906.

In the Colony Proper European children under 5 years of age to the number of 2,673 died, compared with 2,532 in 1905, and 3,079 in 1904, and Coloured Children to the number of 11,215, 11,552 and 12,259 respectively. There is a large fluctuation in the number of Europeans over 5 years that passed away in the three years (3,581, 3,461 and 3,901), and the Coloured Deaths of that age period show a decline from 11,545 in 1904, to 10,606 and 10,783 in 1905 and 1906.

The main results of the return may be stated as follows:—

COLONY PROPER, *excluding* BECHUANALAND AND NATIVE TERRITORIES.

YEAR.	European.						Coloured.							
	Total.			Unspeci- fied.		Over Five Years.		Total.			Unspeci- fied.		Over Five Years.	
	M.	F.	Per- sons.	Certified	Un- certified	Certified	Un- certified	Certified	Un- certified	M.	F.	Per- sons.	Certified	Un- certified
1904	3,949	3,031	6,980	2,833	1,068	1,944	1,135	1,2419	11,385	23,804	5,042	6,503	5,069	7,190
1905	3,353	2,640	5,993	2,557	904	1,711	821	1,1358	10,800	22,158	4,741	5,865	4,990	6,562
1906	3,417	2,837	6,254	2,639	942	1,714	959	1,1646	10,352	21,998	5,072	5,711	5,065	6,150

or arranged by percentages thus:—

1904	12.83	9.84	22.67	9.20	3.47	6.31	3.69	40.34	36.99	77.33	16.38	21.12	16.47	23.36
1905	11.91	9.38	21.29	9.08	3.21	6.08	2.92	40.34	38.37	78.71	16.84	20.84	17.72	23.31
1906	12.09	10.04	22.13	9.34	3.33	6.06	3.40	41.22	36.65	77.87	17.96	20.21	17.93	21.77

DETAILED AGES OF DECEASED.

The Department has been enabled again to present some details on the important subject of the ages of persons who died in 55 chief towns. The statistics are arranged to show the number of certified and uncertified European and Coloured cases.

		0 Day to 1 Month.		1 Month & under 6 Months.		6 Months & under 12 Mths.		12 Mths. & under 2 Years.		2 Years & under 3 Years.		3 Years & under 4 Years.		4 Years & under 5 Years.		TOTAL UNDER 5 YEARS.		5 Years		10 Years		15 Years		20 Years	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
		Certified	(E C)	169 309	117 252	189 460	147 408	166 440	139 390	98 375	106 423	40 156	33 153	19 76	14 92	10 38	14 43	691 1,854	570 1,761	34 90	31 119	14 72	27 69	38 185	35 116	55 274	67 188
Uncertified	(E C)	16 118	7 95	8 89	6 82	5 79	1 74	4 75	... 76	1 36	2 36	2 11	... 10	... 7	... 12	36 415	16 385	... 16	1 22	... 10	1 19	... 25	... 18	1 25	1 25
Total De-tailed Ages	(E C)	185 427	124 347	197 549	153 490	171 519	140 464	102 450	106 499	41 192	35 189	21 87	14 102	10 45	14 55	727 2,269	586 2,146	34 106	32 141	14 82	28 88	38 204	35 141	56 292	68 183

The subjoined analysis, relating to 11,751 events, shows that amongst Europeans 22.49 per cent. were males under 5, and 18.13 females; 33.91 males over 5, and 25.47 females. For Coloured persons the figures were, under 5, 26.64 and 25.19 per cent.; over 5 years, 29.66 and 18.51.

PROPORTIONS PER CENT.—FOR EUROPEANS AND ALL OTHERS SEPARATELY—OF DEATHS AT EACH AGE PERIOD TO TOTAL DEATHS.

Race.	0 Days to 1 Month.		1 to 6 Months.		6 to 12 Months.		12 Months to 2 Years.		2 to 3 Years.		3 to 4 Years.		4 to 5 Years.		Total Under 5 Years.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
European	5.72	3.84	6.09	4.74	5.29	4.33	3.16	3.28	1.27	1.08	.65	.43	.31	.43	22.49	18.13
All Others	5.01	4.07	6.45	5.75	6.09	5.45	5.28	5.86	2.26	2.22	1.02	1.20	.53	.64	26.64	25.19

(a) One Male "Adult" = .01 included.

DETAILED AGES, 1906.—EUROPEAN CASES.

Taking advantage of the opportunity now afforded of instituting a comparison between the proportions per cent. by the different age periods of deaths, amongst males and females to total deaths of Europeans in Sydney and in the Chief Towns of this Colony, we are enabled to exhibit the following figures, noting in passing, that the New South Wales returns account for 5,770 (3,102 males and 2,668 females) fatal cases in 1905, and ours for 3,357 (1,911 males and 1,446 females) for the year 1905, and 3,232 (1,823 males and 1,409 females) for 1906.

LOCALITIES.	0 Months to under 12 Months.		12 Months and under 2 Years.		2 Years and under 3 Years.		3 Years and under 4 Years.		4 Years and under 5 Years.		Total under 5 Years.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Cape, Chief Towns	1906	17.10	12.91	3.16	3.28	1.27	1.08	.65	.43	.31	.43	22.49	18.13
	1905	17.99	14.78	3.37	2.44	.65	.80	.33	.53	.21	.39	22.55	18.94
Sydney	1905	11.72	9.60	2.01	1.35	.52	.43	.31	.37	.38	.26	14.94	12.01

LOCALITIES.	5 Years and under 20.		20 Years and under 30.		30 Years and under 45.		45 Years and under 65.		65 Years and upwards.		Total over 5 Years.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Cape, Chief Towns	1906	2.66	2.94	5.26	3.49	8.88	4.71	9.75	6.93	7.36	7.40	33.91	25.47
	1905	2.88	2.23	4.89	3.70	8.07	4.77	10.43	6.31	8.08	7.12	34.38 ^a	24.13
Sydney	1905	3.01	2.58	3.33	3.99	6.72	6.86	13.40	9.34	12.36	11.46	38.82	34.23

It will be observed that while in Sydney 21.32 per cent. of the European deaths occurred before children had reached the age of 12 months, we had unfortunately a percentage of 32.77 in 1905, and 30.01 in 1906. The higher age at time of demise becomes apparent in the Australian statement from the age 30 years and under 45.

DETAILED AGES, 1906.—COLOURED CASES.

The Registrar-General's 1905 Report on the Vital Statistics of Ceylon supplies the means of placing side by side data stating the relative proportions of deaths in a temperate and a tropical climate at various age points to all deaths, the only factor for which no allowance can be made is the impracticability of assessing the influence of rural cases in the Ceylon figures (108,160), which are for the Island generally, whereas ours (8,613, including 3 unspecified for exact age in 1905, and 8,519, including 1 unspecified for 1906), are simply urban.

LOCALITIES.	0 Days to under 12 Months.		12 Months and under 2 Years.		2 Years and under 3 Years.		3 Years and under 4 Years.		4 Years and under 5 Years.		Total under 5 Years.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Cape, Chief Towns	1906	17.55	15.27	5.28	5.86	2.26	2.22	1.02	1.20	.53	.64	26.64	25.19
	1905	17.84	17.10	5.76	5.52	1.97	2.51	1.12	1.21	.57	.72	27.26	27.06
Ceylon	1905	12.83	11.72	2.72	2.80	2.60	3.07	2.43	2.90	1.54	1.76	22.12	22.25

LOCALITIES.	5-10.		10-15.		15-20.		20-25.		25-35.		35-45.		45-55.		55-65.		65-75.		75 up.		Total Over 5.				
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Cape, Chief Towns	1906	M.	1.24	.96	2.40	3.43	8.32	4.74	3.31	1.95	1.55	1.75	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	29.66 ^a	
		F.	1.65	1.03	1.65	2.15	3.37	2.43	1.82	1.45	1.15	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	18.51	
	1905	M.	1.36	.87	1.89	3.21	6.87	4.47	3.16	2.08	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	26.97
		F.	1.50	1.28	1.70	2.04	3.74	2.12	1.71	1.49	1.50	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	18.71 ^b
Ceylon	1905	M.	3.25	1.68	1.56	1.74	4.06	3.90	3.64	3.42	2.33	3.09	28.67												
		F.	3.58	1.50	1.49	2.32	4.83	3.27	2.59	2.45	1.93	3.02	26.96												

(a) One Male Adult = .01, Included.
(b) Three Female Adults = .03, Included.

It was found that the Cape figures for Europeans contrasted most unfavourably with those for Sydney as regards the tender ages of children, and we remark a similar feature now as to Coloured persons, and in relation to a worse climate. The proportions are—

Cape—Coloured Infants under 1 year	...	...	...	(1906) 32.82, (1905) 34.94
Ceylon	...	...	...	(1905) 24.55.

The excess of male over female deaths is readily accounted for by the fact of the existence of large locations of male adults at Kimberley, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and other towns.

The mortality statements for the Colony of British Guiana allow us to show another comparison—also unfavourable to ourselves.

LOCALITIES.	Under 1 Year.	1 Year to under 5.	Total under 5.	5-10.	10-20.	20-30.	30 up.	Total over 5.	REMARKS.	
										Cape, Chief Towns	1906	32.82	19.01	51.83	2.89	6.04	11.45	27.78	48.17^{a}	Percentages worked on 8,519 deaths—4,104 over 5 Years.
	1905	34.94	19.38	54.32	2.86	5.74	11.17	25.88	45.68 ^b	Percentages worked on 8,613 deaths—3,934 over 5 Years.
British Guiana	1905	22.88	10.39	33.27	3.26	4.49	11.50	47.48	66.73	Percentages worked on 8,314 deaths—5,548 over 5 Years.
	1904	21.18	9.87	31.05	3.18	4.73	12.37	48.67	68.95	Percentages worked on 8,671 deaths—5,979 over 5 Years.

(a) One Male "Adult" = .01, Included; (b) Three Female "Adults" = .03, Included.

Thus it appears that more than half of the Cape Coloured persons who died in 1905 and 1906 in the cities and large towns were under 5 years of age, whereas in tropical British Guiana less than one third of the total deaths took place before the fifth year of age was reached. The proportion for Ceylon was 44.37 per cent.

CERTIFICATION, 1904, 1905 and 1906.

COLONY PROPER, excluding BECHUANALAND AND NATIVE TERRITORIES.

Of the Deaths which occurred in 1906, 14,490 were certified compared with 13,999 in the previous year, and 14,888 in 1904; and 13,762 uncertified contrasted with 14,152 in 1905, and 15,896 in 1904. In other words 51.29 per cent. of the cases in 1905 were certified and 48.71 uncertified; again for 6.06 per cent. of the European infantile deaths medical evidence was afforded, compared with 3.40 per cent. wherein such was absent, and 17.93 per cent. of the Coloured infantile deaths were certified and 21.77 per cent. not. In these figures are included reports from the native districts like Herschel, Glen Grey, parts of Queenstown, Peddie and K. W. Town, rarely supported by medical evidence. The data may be summarised as follows:—

YEAR.	Certified Cases.									Uncertified Cases.									
	Total.			Unspeci- fied.		Over Five Years.		Under Five Years.		Total.			Unspeci- fied.		Over Five Years.		Under Five Years.		
	E.	C.	Per- sons.	E.	C.	E.	C.	E.	C.	E.	C.	Per- sons.	E.	C.	E.	C.	E.	C.	
1904	...	4,777	10,111	14,888	...	...	2,833	5,042	1,944	5,069	2,203	13,693	15,896	...	...	1,068	6,503	1,135	7,190
1905	...	4,268	9,731	13,999	...	...	2,557	4,741	1,711	4,990	1,725	12,427	14,152	...	...	904	5,865	821	6,562
1906	...	4,353	10,137	14,490	...	...	2,639	5,072	1,714	5,065	1,901	11,861	13,762	...	...	942	5,711	959	6,150

These results may be represented from another point of view, thus:—

1904	...	15.51	32.85	48.36	...	...	9.20	16.38	6.31	16.47	7.16	44.48	51.64	...	...	3.47	21.12	3.69	23.36
1905	...	15.16	34.56	49.72	...	...	9.08	16.84	6.08	17.72	6.13	44.15	50.28	...	...	3.21	20.84	2.92	23.31
1906	...	15.40	35.89	51.29	...	...	9.34	17.96	6.06	17.93	6.73	41.98	48.71	...	...	3.33	20.21	3.40	21.77

EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure brought to account for the financial year 1905-06 amounted to £6,809 for salaries and allowances to the staff in the Central Office, the Deputy Registrars, their Assistants and Field-cornets.

CONCLUSION.

It has been customary in the past to include in the Tabular Statements to this Report certain Returns showing the Principal Certified and Uncertified Causes of Deaths, with Ages, in Cities and Chief Towns and Other Urban Areas.

Inasmuch, however, as elaborate Returns on this subject—compiled from information supplied by this Office—are also published by the Medical Officer of Health for the Colony, in his Annual Report on the Public Health, it has been decided to omit them here.

As a further means of reducing the cost of printing, the Report on Marriages, Births and Deaths will, in future, be incorporated in the Statistical Register of the Colony. This is, therefore, the last occasion on which the Report appears as a separate publication.

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General Register Office,
Colonial Secretary's Department,
Cape of Good Hope,
25th June, 1907.

MARRIAGES, 1906—CALENDAR.

No. 1.—Showing the Number of MARRIAGES solemnized on each day of the year 1906, with Weekly and Monthly Totals.

Total for Month.	Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total for Week ending Saturday.
January, 963	6	85	118	33	14	4	14	268 (portion)
	8	57	68	34	9	4	9	187
	10	70	57	26	12	5	3	181
	9	53	52	32	10	5	6	168
		65	58	27	...	...	...	159 (portion)
February, 843	11	...	...	...	14	4	10	28 (portion)
	7	61	62	33	17	2	9	195
	15	67	88	39	10	8	3	222
	11	50	80	40	13	3	9	210
		77	70	30	...	...	...	188 (portion)
March, 828	8	...	...	...	14	2	7	23 (portion)
	18	66	67	25	18	7	28	219
	6	63	72	36	13	2	7	211
	22	62	65	24	6	6	4	173
		57	84	21	9	4	5	202
April, 1,096	7	67	101	28	16	9	11	239
	7	77	63	28	15	...	13	203
	10	103	94	57	22	4	13	300
	14	73	111	44	18	2	8	266
		74	...	...	...	...	...	88 (portion)
May, 935	...	...	98	27	15	1	9	150 (portion)
	15	68	93	26	19	2	7	230
	17	51	87	27	9	5	7	203
	17	44	60	26	13	4	9	173
	12	53	68	35	11	...	...	179 (portion)
June, 882	...	...	...	...	...	8	16	24 (portion)
	11	78	83	59	10	3	7	251
	9	58	72	25	14	6	16	200
	6	45	58	37	12	1	8	167
	16	77	86	32	15	4	10	240
July, 978	8	62	84	34	15	6	11	220
	6	51	73	34	10	6	15	195
	15	67	76	27	17	5	5	212
	10	55	69	30	10	6	9	189
	5	71	86	...	...	...	...	162 (portion)
August, 865	...	...	...	31	15	3	10	59 (portion)
	8	47	83	28	14	6	10	196
	14	50	83	41	11	8	5	212
	10	54	86	38	7	9	8	212
	12	54	72	32	12	4	...	186 (portion)
September, 866	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10 (portion)
	9	53	79	39	15	11	9	215
	10	52	80	37	12	4	4	199
	14	62	80	32	20	5	5	218
	10	71	69	26	12	10	12	210
	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	14 (portion)
October, 1,019	...	83	97	47	34	11	8	280 (portion)
	13	81	68	36	9	8	4	219
	14	48	70	23	10	9	5	179
	10	52	78	33	20	...	4	197
	12	39	60	33	...	...	...	144 (portion)
November, 761	...	...	...	...	13	2	6	21 (portion)
	17	61	58	36	20	5	4	201
	10	60	66	32	9	11	11	199
	17	39	45	28	10	11	7	157
	7	54	64	43	12	3	...	183 (portion)
December, 1,016	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	9 (portion)
	4	69	83	31	11	1	7	206
	10	55	59	40	8	5	13	190
	13	78	89	57	16	8	18	279
	11	101	34	49	30	7	9	241
	8	83	...	...	...	...	...	91 (portion)
Total	570	3,353	3,906	1,768	720	269	466	11,052 (portion)

Previous year (twelve months) 10,542.

MARRIAGE RECORDS, FEES FOR SEARCHES AND CERTIFICATES.

1906	190 applications	£105 5 0	1901	123 applications	£76 18 0
1905	226 "	119 7 0	1900	82 "	41 6 6
1904	208 "	110 2 0	1899	100 "	62 12 2
1903	204 "	108 3 0	1898	...	57 3 0
1902	143 "	83 1 6			

MARRIAGES—RELIGION.

No. 2.—Showing the number of MARRIAGES solemnized in 1906, by Ministers of each Religious Denomination, by Resident Magistrates, and by specially appointed Marriage Officers.

Denomination of Solemnizing Minister.	No. of Marriages.	Denomination of Solemnizing Minister.	No. of Marriages.	Denomination of Solemnizing Minister.	No. of Marriages.
Dutch Reformed	3,083	Baptist—English and German	128	Apostolic Union	3
S. A. Reformed	73	Lutheran—Including Berlin		African Methodist Episcopal	134
Church of England	2,124	Mission, Moravian	540	Roman Catholic	303
Wesleyan Methodist	1,905	& Rhenish Mission	101	Orthodox Greek Church ...	3
Primitive "	15	Evangelical		RESIDENT MAGISTRATES ...	926
Presbyterian	526	Strand St. Church, Cape Town	9	Marriage Officers:—	
Congregational, Including Independent and London Missionary Society	1,075	7th Day Adventist	3	Jews	74
		Paris Missionary Society ...	10	Independent	2
		Free Protestant	2	Salvation Army	13
				Total	11,052

NOTE.—The number of Special Marriage Licences at £5 each issued in 1906 was 1,115.

MARRIAGES—EDUCATION.

No. 3.—Showing the Number of MALES and FEMALES who signed the Marriage Registers in 1906 by Autograph and by Mark, with proportions per cent. of the Illiterate of each Sex.

	Number of Marriages in which the Husbands signed by Mark.	Number of Marriages in which the Wives signed by Mark.	Number of Marriages in which both the Husbands and Wives signed by Mark.	Number of Marriages in which both the Husbands and Wives signed by writing.	Total.
1906	680	652	2,340	7,380	11,052
1905	670	628	2,336	6,908	10,542
1904	778	695	2,406	8,147	12,026

	Sex.	Educated. (Able to Write).	Illiterate. (Unable to Write).	Proportion per cent. of Illiterates among each sex.
1906	{ Husbands	8,032	3,020	27.32
	{ Wives	8,060	2,992	27.07
1905	{ Husbands	7,536	3,006	28.51
	{ Wives	7,578	2,964	28.12
1904	{ Husbands	8,842	3,184	26.47
	{ Wives	8,925	3,101	25.78

MARRIAGES—CONJUGAL CONDITION.

No. 4.—RETURN showing the CONDITION (CIVIL STATUS) PRIOR TO MARRIAGE of Males and Females married in 1906.

Conjugal Condition of Contracting Parties.	No. of Marriages.
Bachelors married Spinsters	8,987
Bachelors married Widows	317
Bachelors married Divorced Wives	23
Widowers married Spinsters	823
Widowers married Widows	270
Widowers married Divorced Wives	3
Divorced Husbands married Spinsters	28
Divorced Husbands married Widows	9
Divorced Husbands married Divorced Wives	1
Previously living in de facto marriage, or married according to Kaffir Custom	591
Total	11,052

BIRTHS, 1904, 1905 AND 1906. GENERAL SUMMARY.

No. 5.—RETURN showing for each of the Four Main Races, with distinction of Sex, the number of Births which were registered, during the years 1904, 1905 and 1906, in the Colony Proper, Bechuanaland, Transkeian Territories, Pondoland, Walfish Bay, and "At Sea."

TERRITORY.	European or White.						Malay.						Fingo, Kaffir, and Bechuanaland.					
	Males.			Females.			Males.			Females.			Males.			Females.		
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Colony Proper	8,321	8,285	8,915	14,647	14,074	15,354	14,164	13,613	14,908	23,653	22,491	24,638	22,766	22,729	23,729	46,419	44,130	48,367
Bechuanaland	116	153	163	622	614	664	615	643	636	820	823	877	789	833	847	1,609	1,656	1,724
Transkeian Territories	93	80	100	3,832	2,912	3,039	3,036	3,036	3,016	4,069	3,131	3,309	3,256	3,281	3,256	7,958	6,387	6,590
Pondoland	9	7	8	390	414	577	379	384	564	402	424	588	397	400	578	799	824	1,166
Walfish Bay	9	14	9	9	15	9	6	11	6	10	16	10	6	13	7	16	29	17
TOTAL FOR COLONY "At Sea"	8,548	8,489	9,195	19,500	18,029	19,643	18,841	17,687	19,130	28,954	26,885	29,422	27,847	28,442	28,442	56,801	53,026	57,804
GRAND TOTAL	8,548	8,489	9,195	19,500	18,029	19,643	18,841	17,687	19,130	28,954	26,887	29,426	27,848	28,444	28,444	56,802	53,028	57,870

General Register Office, Cape Town, 7th May, 1907.

No. 8.—RETURN showing for each of the Four Main Races the total number of Male and Female Births, distinguishing Legitimate from Illegitimate, which were registered in the Other Urban Areas of the Colony Proper during 1906.

Table with columns: OTHER TOWNS AND URBAN AREAS WITH DISTRICT NAME, European or White (M, F), Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana (M, F), Hottentot, Mixed and Other (M, F), Total, other than European or White (M, F), Total (M, F, Persons), Total Persons.

No. 8.—RETURN showing for each of the Four Main Races the total number of Male and Female Births, distinguishing Legitimate from Illegitimate, which were registered in the Other Urban Areas of the Colony Proper during 1906—continued.

Table with columns: OTHER TOWNS AND URBAN AREAS WITH DISTRICT NAME, European or White (M, F), Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana (M, F), Hottentot, Mixed and Other (M, F), Total, other than European or White (M, F), Total (M, F, Persons), Total Persons.

(a) Malays } M. Nil. F. 1. † European Illegitimates } M. 17. F. 29.

General Register Office, Cape Town, 11th May, 1907.

BIRTHS, URBAN AREAS, TRANSKEIAN

No. 9.—RETURN showing for each of the Urban Areas of the Transkeian Territories and Bechuanaland the number of Births, European and other than European, Males and Females, Legitimate and Illegitimate, during 1906.

Table with columns for AREA, European or White (Male/Female), Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana (Male/Female), Hottentot, Mixed and Other (Male/Female), and Total Persons. Rows include Bechuanaland, East Griqualand, and Transkei.

No. 10.—DETAILED SUMMARY

Detailed summary table with columns for TERRITORY, European or White, Malay, Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana, Hottentot, Mixed and Other, Total other than European or White, and Total Persons. Rows include Colony Proper, Bechuanaland, East Griqualand, and Transkei.

General Register Office, Cape Town, 6th June, 1907.

TERRITORIES AND BECHUANALAND, 1906.

number of Births, European and other than European, Males and Females, Legitimate and Illegitimate, during 1906.

Table with columns for Total other than European or White (Male/Female), Total (Male/Female), Persons, and AREA. Rows include Bechuanaland, East Griqualand, and Transkei.

BIRTHS, 1906.

Detailed summary table for births in 1906 with columns for TERRITORY, European or White, Malay, Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana, Hottentot, Mixed and Other, Total other than European or White, and Total Persons. Rows include Tembuled, Transkei, Pondoland, and Walpish Bay.

DEATHS, 1904, 1905 AND 1906. GENERAL SUMMARY.

No. 11.—RETURN showing for each of the Four Main Races, with distinction of sex, the number of Deaths which were registered during the years 1904, 1905 and 1906, in the Colony Proper, Bechuanaland, Transkeian Territories, Pondoland, Wallfish Bay and "At Sea."

Table with columns for TERRITORY, European or White, Malay, Fingo Kafir and Bechuanana, and sub-columns for Males and Females for years 1904, 1905, and 1906. Includes rows for Colony Proper, Bechuanaland, Transkeian Territories, Pondoland, Wallfish Bay, and GRAND TOTAL.

TOTAL.

Table with columns for TERRITORY, Total, Other than European or White, Hottentot, Mixed and Other, and Persons. Sub-columns for Males and Females for years 1904, 1905, and 1906. Includes rows for Colony Proper, Bechuanaland, Transkeian Territories, Pondoland, Wallfish Bay, and GRAND TOTAL.

General Registrar Office, Cape Town, 8th May, 1907.

No. 12.—RETURN showing in regard to the Four Main Races, the number of Deaths registered in each District of the Cape Colony during the year 1906, distinguishing Certified from Uncertified, European and Coloured, Under and Over 5 years of age. ("At Sea" Events appear at foot hereof.)

Large table with columns for DISTRICT, European or White, Malay, Fingo, Kafir and Bechuanana, Hottentot, Mixed and Other, Total, Other than European or White, Total, Total Persons, Certified (Euro-pean, Coloured), and Uncertified (Euro-pean, Coloured). Sub-columns for Under and Over 5 yrs. Includes rows for various districts like Aberdeen, Adelaide, Albany, etc., and a GRAND TOTAL at the bottom.

No. 14.—RETURN showing for each of the Four Main Races, the total number of Male and Female Deaths which were registered in regard to the other Towns and Urban Areas of the Colony Proper during the year 1906.

Table with columns for District Name, Race (European or White, Malay, Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana, Hottentot, Mixed and Other, Total Other than European or White), Age (Under 5 years of age, Over 5 years of age), and Total Persons (Certified, Uncertified). Rows list various districts like Adelaide, Albany, Albert, Alexandria, etc.

C. = Certified. U. = Uncertified.

No. 14.—RETURN showing for each of the Four Main Races, the total number of Male and Female Deaths which were registered, in regard to the other Towns and Urban Areas of the Colony Proper during the year 1906.—contd.

Table with columns for District Name, Race (European or White, Malay, Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana, Hottentot, Mixed and Other, Total Other than European or White), Age (Under 5 years of age, Over 5 years of age), and Total Persons (Certified, Uncertified). Rows list districts like Montagu, Mossel Bay, Murraysburg, Namaqua-land, etc.

SUMMARY.

Summary table with columns for Categories (Cities and Chief Towns, Other Towns and Urban Areas, Rural Areas, Native System, Grand Total, Colony Proper) and corresponding counts for Certified and Uncertified deaths.

C. = Certified. U. = Uncertified.

No. 15.—RETURN showing for each of the Urban and other Areas of Bechuanaland, the Transkeian Main Races, which had been

Table with columns for AREA, European or White (M, F), Malay (M, F), Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana (M, F), Hottentot, Mixed and other (M, F), Total, other than European or White (M, F), and Total (M, F). Rows include Bechuanaland, East Griqualand, Tembuland, Transkei, Pondoland, and Walfish Bay.

General Register Office, Cape Town, 11th June, 1907.

Territories, Pondoland and Walfish Bay, the number of Male and Female Deaths among each of the Four registered during the Year 1906.

Table with columns for European or White (Under 5 years, Over 5 years), Other than European or White (Under 5 years, Over 5 years), Total (Certified, Un-certified, Persons), and AREA. Rows include Bechuanaland, East Griqualand, Tembuland, Transkei, Pondoland, and Walfish Bay.

(a) Excluding 478 Numerical Natives not detailed. C. = Certified, U. = Uncertified.

No. 16.—Statement furnishing an analysis of the nature of the various deaths by violence, involving the deaths of European and Coloured persons during the Year, 1906, in the Urban Areas of the Colony Proper.

AREAS.	Falls.		Crushed.	Run Over.	Machinery.	Explosion.	Gunshot Wounds.	Cuts, Stabs.	Burns.	Scalds.	Lightning.	Exposure to Heat, Sun-stroke, In-solation.	Exposure to Cold or Weather.	Drowning.	Suffocation.	Poisons and Poisonous Vapours.	Bite of Snake or Insect.	Otherwise.	Total.		Persons.
	E	C																	E	C	
CHIEF TOWNS :—	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	
Cape Town	2	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	3	13	25
Woodstock	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	7	12
Maitland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	5	6
Claremont	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	6	7
Wynberg	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	8
Simon's Town	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	6
East London	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	10	20
Kimberley	2	3	2	9	1	5	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	7	26
Beaconsfield	2	2	1	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	4	35
King William's Town	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6
Port Elizabeth	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	14
Queen's Town	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5
All Other Chief Towns	2	4	1	2	4	1	1	1	5	12	1	1	1	2	5	6	2	6	2	26	41
Total Cities and Chief Towns	9	16	9	35	11	15	2	9	2	1	2	1	2	14	19	8	11	5	3	2	87
Total other Urban Areas	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	2	3	22	4	1	12	6	2	2	1	1	5	31
Total	11	17	11	35	14	18	1	2	10	3	3	2	1	26	25	8	13	7	3	2	118

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