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DEATHS IN YEAR  
HERE NUMBER 921

Influenza Epidemic Swelled the 1918-1919 Totals

The report of the number of deaths for the city of St. John for the year ended October 31, 1918, has been completed and has been given out by the Board of Health. During the last year the influenza epidemic occurred in the city and for that reason the death rate has been increased, and the total number of deaths for the year has equalled, if it has not exceeded those of former years. The following statistics show the number of deaths and some of the causes:

These statistics comprise the number of deaths which occurred during the influenza epidemic of last year, when in the month of November 136 deaths were reported. The largest number of deaths occurring in the city since the inauguration of the Board of Health in 1854 and probably the largest number that ever occurred in any one month was in October, 1918, when there were 138.

The report shows that 161 deaths occurred from pneumonia in the city of St. John alone, seventy-four males and eighty-seven females; 135 Canadians and twenty-six foreign subjects succumbed to this disease in most cases, single persons and ninety married persons were taken. The ages when this disease seemed most fatal was under one year and between the ages of thirty and forty; five deaths at the former age and thirty-nine at the latter. The remainder of the deaths caused from pneumonia occurred during the various ages from one to eighty.

In November, 1918, pneumonia proved fatal to forty persons in December, twenty-five; in January, 1919, twenty-nine; in February, nineteen, while each month up to the present time a gradual decrease is shown, until in July and August, no deaths from pneumonia were reported. In September and October, two deaths in each month were reported. There is no doubt but that the large number of deaths caused from pneumonia in November, 1918, were a continuation of influenza in most cases.

During the epidemic last year, seven males and twenty-four females were reported to have died from influenza, and sixty-eight of these were Canadians and thirteen foreign subjects. The ages during which influenza proved most fatal were from thirty to forty, when eighteen deaths were reported to have taken place during these ages. In November, 1918, fifty-nine deaths were caused from pneumonia, while in scattered cases occurred each month up to April, 1919, after which it seemed to cease.

Tuberculosis of the lungs was reported to have been the cause of a total of sixty-two deaths; thirty-six males and twenty-six females; fifty-three Canadian and nine foreign subjects, between the ages of twenty and thirty tuberculosis seems to be most prevalent, as twenty persons are reported to have died during these ages. The number of deaths seems to vary during the other ages. The report shows, however, that tuberculosis has been the cause of death of one child under one year.

Thirteen deaths from cancer of the stomach and liver, the report shows to have been caused in the stomach and liver. Cases of cancer in other organs are shown to have been the cause of the death of eleven persons.

Simple meningitis, the report shows, to have been the cause of death of twelve persons, seven of these occurring in children under five years of age.

Typhoid fever—Male, 3; female, one; Canadian, three; foreign subjects, one. The deaths in this disease occurred in persons ranging in ages from forty to fifty, and from fifty to sixty. These deaths occurred during the months of November, 1918, and September and October, 1919.

The total number of deaths for the year is 921; 445 males, 476 females, 792 Canadians and 123 foreign, were earlier stated whether foreign or Canadian; 435 single, 482 married and four not stated whether married or single. The total mortality in 1918 was 819; in 1919, 111; in 1920, 111; in 1921, 111; in 1922, 111; in 1923, 111; in 1924, 111; in 1925, 111; in 1926, 111; in 1927, 111; in 1928, 111; in 1929, 111; in 1930, 111; in 1931, 111; in 1932, 111; in 1933, 111; in 1934, 111; in 1935, 111; in 1936, 111; in 1937, 111; in 1938, 111; in 1939, 111; in 1940, 111; in 1941, 111; in 1942, 111; in 1943, 111; in 1944, 111; in 1945, 111; in 1946, 111; in 1947, 111; in 1948, 111; in 1949, 111; in 1950, 111; in 1951, 111; in 1952, 111; in 1953, 111; in 1954, 111; in 1955, 111; in 1956, 111; in 1957, 111; in 1958, 111; in 1959, 111; in 1960, 111; in 1961, 111; in 1962, 111; in 1963, 111; in 1964, 111; in 1965, 111; in 1966, 111; in 1967, 111; in 1968, 111; in 1969, 111; in 1970, 111; in 1971, 111; in 1972, 111; in 1973, 111; in 1974, 111; in 1975, 111; in 1976, 111; in 1977, 111; in 1978, 111; in 1979, 111; in 1980, 111; in 1981, 111; in 1982, 111; in 1983, 111; in 1984, 111; in 1985, 111; in 1986, 111; in 1987, 111; 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