

## THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN ONTARIO FOR JUNE.

TORONTO.—There have been we understand a large number of cases of diphtheria here of late, with a good many deaths. The cases have occurred in localities not by any means in a good sanitary condition. Many of the lanes have not been regularly visited by the scavengers. The staff is doubtless too small. There are hundreds of yards in which the accumulations of past months are allowed to remain. The weather so far has been favorable. Should it become dryer and continue warm, putrefactive decomposition will be more rapid and destructive, and we venture to predict much more sickness, especially amongst children, after the late heavy rains. One case of cholera was reported to the medical health officer, who on visiting the locality found a sad want of sanitary attention. From what we can learn, the present sanitary state of the city is far from satisfactory. The health officer seems to be making the best of his time, with the limited authority he has, to mend matters; but as the *Globe* has it, "the lack of facilities, such as district inspectors and other officers, to aid him in the details of his work, must militate against any great good resulting from his single-handed labors."

STRATFORD.—Dr. D. M. Fraser reports a case of cerebro-spinal-meningitis, and a few cases of diarrhoea there, with more of scarlet fever and some typhoid fever; not much diphtheria; many cases of bronchitis, with a few of congestion and inflammation of the lungs, also of remittent fever and acute rheumatism, the latter repeatedly relapsing. Ery-sipelas had been more than usually present. The mortality there too had been low, with an increase in number of cases and severity of diarrhoea, and likewise of the other diseases named, excepting diphtheria and scarlet fever. No epidemic.

CHATHAM.—Dr. Bray reports that there had been there also a good many cases of diarrhoea and some diphtheria; measles was epidemic; with a few cases of typhoid fever and whooping-cough. Some cases of bronchitis and congestion and inflammation of the lungs—but less than usual; more of remittent fever and acute rheumatism, and numerous cases of intermittent fever. The mortality had been very low, but there had been an increase in the number of cases and severity of diarrhoea and malarial fevers, but a decrease in both in regard to the other diseases.

LONDON.—Dr. Edwards reports that in that city there were a good many cases of diarrhoea and diphtheria, a few cases of measles and of whooping-cough, but no typhoid fever. Bronchitis prevailed to a considerable extent, and there had been a few cases of remittent and a large number of cases of intermittent fever. The mortality in all these diseases had been very low, and the health of the city would appear to be good.

GUELPH.—Dr. Brock reports a few sporadic cases of diarrhoea, diphtheria and whooping-cough. Measles is epidemic, with a low mortality. A few cases of bronchitis, congestion and inflammation of the lungs and remittent fever. The general health of the town is good. He thinks the excessive rain has diluted and washed away surface impurities.

PORT HOPE.—Dr. Hamilton reports a few cases of diarrhoea and whooping-cough there; many cases of bronchitis, with a decrease however; a few cases of catarrhal croup, congestion and inflammation of the lungs, remittent fever and acute rheumatism—many cases of the latter during spring. The general health was good, with low mortality.

BARRIE.—Dr. McCarthy reports a few cases of diarrhoea and scarlet fever there; measles and whooping-cough are epidemic, with a decrease in the severity of the latter. A few cases of the usual inflammatory diseases, and malarial and puerperal fever. The general health appears good, with a low mortality.