

The meeting adjourned, having elected officers and decided to meet again on the last Tuesday and Wednesday of May, 1917. The new officers are:—President, Dr. A. J. Macauley, of Brockville; Vice-President, Thos. A. Vardon, of Galt; Secretary, Major J. W. S. McCullough; Committee on Papers and Arrangements, the officers and Dr. W. A. Crain, of Crystler, Dr. J. McBain, of Rainy River, and Dr. Jas. Roberts, of Hamilton.

#### VITAL STATISTICS OF ONTARIO.

The epidemic of measles in the Province did not show much abatement in May as compared with the previous month, the figures of cases being respectively 2,980 and 3,206, with deaths from all communicable diseases shows a decided reduction, cases and deaths numbering respectively in May 3,686 and 136, and in April 3,973 and 225.

The following is the comparative table for May, 1916, and May, 1915:

Disease.	May, 1916.		May, 1915.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Smallpox . . . . .	10	0	55	0
Scarlet fever . . . . .	120	7	112	3
Diphtheria . . . . .	170	7	191	13
Measles . . . . .	2,980	14	659	9
Whooping cough . . . . .	160	10	39	5
Typhoid fever . . . . .	60	12	24	6
Tuberculosis . . . . .	175	82	114	81
Infantile paralysis . . . . .	1	0	0	0
Cerebro-spinal meningitis.	7	4	15	9
	3,686	136	1,209	126

#### HOSPITAL FOR SHOCK CASES.

The Provincial Secretary's Department will establish at Cobourg a hospital for the treatment of mental and shock cases among returned soldiers. This was provided for by an arrangement concluded recently between the Dominion Hospitals Commission and the Ontario Government.

The present institution at Cobourg will be immediately converted into a military hospital by the transfer of some 180 female patients to the new hospital for mental diseases at Whitby. It is expected that by the first week in July the Cobourg Hospital will be ready to receive fifty-five patients, and the number of cases will be increased thereafter as they are brought forward. The medical staff and nurses with the necessary facilities and organization for this hospital will be provided by the Provincial Secretary's Department, and preparation is being made to increase the accommodation by the erection of additional buildings should it be found that this is needed.