

Belleville—Population, 11,360; No. of doctors, 13; U. of T. graduates, 5; percentage, 46; one doctor to 874.

Chatham—Population, 15,140; No. of doctors, 20; U. of T. graduates, 20; percentage, 100; one doctor to 757.

Guelph—Population, 16,970; No. of doctors, 28; U. of T. graduates, 18; percentage, 64; one doctor to 606.

Hamilton—Population, 109,070; No. of doctors, 139; U. of T. graduates, 120; percentage, 93; one doctor to 790.

Kingston—Population, 23,740; No. of doctors, 25; U. of T. graduates, 9; percentage, 36; one doctor to 950.

London—Population, 56,210; No. of doctors, 79; U. of T. graduates, 25; percentage, 33; one doctor to 711.

Ottawa—Population, 100,030; No. of doctors, 119; U. of T. graduates, 35; percentage, 29; one doctor to 840.

Woodstock—Population, 9,600; No. of doctors, 14; U. of T. graduates, 14; percentage, 100; one doctor to 960.

Peterborough—Population, 19,890; No. of doctors, 26; U. of T. graduates, 20; percentage, 77; one doctor to 761.

CANCER'S TOLL

Attention is called to the increasing inroads of cancer by *Health News*, the bulletin of the New York State Department of Health. It estimates that in the war about 80,000 Americans were killed or died from disease. In the same time 180,000 Americans fell victims of cancer. The annual death toll is between 75,000 and 100,000, and the ratio is increasing annually, while the disease continues to spread to countries that previously had escaped it. Cancer is regarded by the layman as being practically incurable, and so it is probably in its advanced stages, but *Health News* declares that: "In its early stages cancer is a disease which can be entirely eradicated and a large proportion of deaths from this cause are thus preventable." The great trouble is that the disease is not recognized in time. When its grosser symptoms become manifest it is often too late to resort to an operation. The lesson would seem to be that every foreign growth on the body that does not speedily disappear should be regarded with suspicion and be subjected to the examination of a doctor. If it should prove malignant it can be easily and permanently removed without pain and with no risk.

The medical profession knows little about cancer, compared with what it knows of most other diseases. It is easily recognized, of course, and can be easily removed, as remarked, if taken in time. The fact that it is not a germ disease and therefore is not infectious seems