

	Jan., 1917		Jan., 1916	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Smallpox . . . . .	9	0	21	0
Scarlet fever . . . . .	171	3	152	3
Diphtheria . . . . .	368	23	297	42
Measles . . . . .	1,180	6	3,018	59
Whooping cough . . . . .	165	4	136	10
Typhoid . . . . .	60	9	35	8
Tuberculosis . . . . .	97	79	140	38
Infantile Paralysis . . . . .	12	8	21	17

BIRTHS ON INCREASE.

The Assessment Commissioner is optimistic in regard to Toronto's population this year, and instead of the decrease shown last year by the assessors' returns, an increase may be looked for in 1917. Two reasons are assigned, first, that the birth rate is increasing; and second, that there has been an influx to the city owing to the increase in salaries, vacant positions to fill, etc. During the last four months of 1916 there was an increase in the number of births of 148. The total population as shown by the assessors' returns when they were completed in August was 460,526 as compared with 463,705 the previous year.

Following are the birth returns for the last four months of 1916 as compared with the last four months of 1915:

	1915.	1916.
September . . . . .	1,055	1,164
October . . . . .	1,015	1,067
November . . . . .	1,039	1,048
December . . . . .	1,042	1,020
	4,151	4,299

Increase, 148.

In January the births numbered 1,211, as compared with 1,030 last January, an increase of 171; giving a total increase for the five months of 319. The total natural increase since the census was last taken is 5,362, making a population of 465,888. This will be further augmented by new arrivals from other places.

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS

A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

In 1867 Hayden's Viburnum Compound was established and first offered to the medical profession, and while no particular celebration is