

## ONLY 75 PER CENT. OF BIRTHS ARE REGISTERED.

The conclusion drawn by Mr. Mills is that 25 per cent. may be taken as a fair estimate of the error in Registration of Births in Toronto.

One-fourth of our births are not registered or numbered at all. This, he points out, would make the number of births in Toronto in 1908, 10,584 instead of 7,938, and the birth-rate per 1,000 population 46.1 instead of 34.6 in Toronto. In Ontario, assuming that an equal error exists, the number of births in 1908 would be 76,207 instead of 57,155, and the birth-rate per thousand population would be 34.1 instead of 25.6.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED TWICE.

Mr. Mills has made the interesting discovery that some births are registered twice. Out of 636 birth registrations in the City Register for Toronto no less than twenty, or over 3 per cent., are found to be registered twice. This may explain in part the discrepancy in the following figures:—

## NUMBER OF BIRTHS IN TORONTO.

—	City Clerk's Returns.	Registrar General's Returns.
1900 .....	4,530	4,534
1901 .....	4,445	4,445
1902 .....	5,065	5,044
1903 .....	5,040	5,041
1904 .....	5,283	5,286
1905 .....	5,816	5,826
1906 .....	5,985	5,985
1907 .....	6,715	6,680
1908 .....	7,945	7,938

The following tables were prepared by Mr. Mills from the census figures:

Number of children under 5 years of age per 1,000 population of all ages.

Year.	—	Year.	—
1871.....	144	1891.....	120
1881.....	131	1901.....	103

Number of Children under 5 years of age per 1,000 women of 15 to 45 years of age.

Year.	—	Year.	—
1871.....	650	1891.....	477
1881.....	571	1901.....	424