

"poor" or "none," has been indicated the standing of each community with relation to eight factors having an important bearing on health.

ST. JOHN.

St. John is by far the largest city of the Province, having a population of about 55,000. Under the law, it is combined with the county of St. John, making up a single Health District under the supervision of the only trained Health Officer in the Province. It is a pleasure to pay a tribute to Dr. George G. Melvin and say that he is giving excellent service to his community. The other employees of the Board of Health are conscientious and apparently do their work well.

HEALTH EXPENDITURE — 1916.

During 1916, \$10,140.35 was spent for the conduct of the work of the Department of Health of the City and County of St. John, divided about as follows:

Salaries.....	\$7,236.56
Rent.....	275.00
Isolation Hospital.....	690.42
Disinfecting.....	613.34
Typhus Fever.....	322.53
Clean up.....	300.00
Miscellaneous.....	702.50
Total	\$10,140.35

This is at the rate of about fifteen cents per capita, and represents 0.6% of the total public expenditure of the municipality.

VITAL STATISTICS

Under the law, births, marriages and deaths must be reported to the Divisional Registrar, who is not connected with the Board of Health. Marriages are well reported, but births very poorly so, in St. John. Certificates of death must be delivered to the Health Department and a