

Up to the present time it is stated that no American clinic has published its results in cancer of the stomach, except the Mayo Clinic, until the results appeared of 184 cases of carcinoma of the stomach observed in the Surgical Pathological Laboratory of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. The paper was prepared by Dr. Joseph Colt Bloodgood, and published in the Journal of The American Medical Association, June 19th, 1915. Mayo's inoperable cases are fewer in number—about thirty-nine per cent. as compared with the figures from Johns Hopkins—seventy-four per cent. It is manifest that while these results are deplorable, they have little to do with surgical technique, but are rather the direct result of late interference. For considerable time surgeons have been preaching the gospel of early diagnosis and early operation. Many people, however, still dread the knife in cancer operations in any situation; and the blame cannot always be left at the door of the physician who also recognizes his inability to offer a cure other than by surgical means. Clearly the people need educating if any advance is to be made in stemming the cancer tide.

On a recent previous occasion we called the attention of our readers to the marked increase in cancer in Ontario as set forth in the statistics of the Registrar-General for the Province. The figures will bear repeating. In 1904 the deaths from cancer were 1,253. These gradually increased each year until in 1913 they stood at 1,806. Altogether in the decade there were 14,935 deaths from cancer in the Province. Much has been done in that time to restrict typhoid fever—the deaths in that decade were 5,942. Tuberculosis had 25,064.

In 1913 the Registrar-General classified the deaths from cancer as follows:

Cancer and other malignant tumors of the buccal cavity . . .	94
Cancer and other malignant tumors of the stomach, liver . . .	631
Cancer and other malignant tumors of the peritoneum, intestines, rectum . . . . .	263
Cancer and other malignant tumors of the female genital organs . . . . .	177
Cancer and other malignant tumors of the breast . . . . .	126
Cancer and other malignant tumors of the skin . . . . .	26
Cancer and other malignant tumors of other organs and of organs not specified . . . . .	489
Total . . . . .	<hr/> 1,806