

Of the 90,514 scholars examined in 1916-1917, in Montreal's Schools,—53% were found **PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE**, which represents an increase over the previous year.

**“Education and Child Care are poor subjects for economy.”**

Montreal, in 1917, subsidized her 29 Baby Health Centers to the extent of \$10,000. In 1915, the subsidy was \$17,732. These Baby Health Centers show an average Infant Mortality of 4%, compared to the general civic Infant Mortality of 18%.

Montreal is 25 years behind New York City, and 15 years behind Toronto in her Infant Death-rate,—which is universally recognized as the most sensitive index of the sanitary condition of any community.

In Montreal, the Infant Mortality Rate for period (1905-1917) was 23%.

Latest available data (1916) shows that 33% of all Mortality within Quebec Province is confined within the narrow limit of the first year of life.

An infant under 1 year old dies every hour and a quarter in this Province.

**“I consider that any Infant Mortality above 5% in large cities is absolutely unreasonable.”** (Prof. J. F. Sykes, London, Eng.)

### Province of Quebec Vital Statistics

|                                                              | 1915   | 1916   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Total Births.....                                            | 83,274 | 80,327 |
| Total Deaths.....                                            | 35,933 | 40,542 |
| Deaths under 1 year.....                                     | 12,775 | 13,278 |
| Deaths under 5 years.....                                    | 16,516 | 17,117 |
| Deaths from “Diarrhoea” under 2 years (Preventable Death) .. | 5,681  | 6,630  |

**“As Civilization goes up, the Baby death-rate goes down.”**

### Some Infant Mortality Rates (1917)

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| St. Louis.....     | 7%  |
| San Francisco..... | 8%  |
| New York City..... | 8%  |
| Brooklyn.....      | 8%  |
| Boston.....        | 9%  |
| Chicago.....       | 10% |
| Cleveland.....     | 10% |
| Toronto.....       | 8%  |
| MONTREAL.....      | 18% |

**“Where the little white hearse goes most often,—there you will find the weakest place in your municipal housekeeping.”** (Sherman S. Kingsley, United Charities, Chicago.)