

vaccine is prepared and supplied free by the Board's Laboratory in Toronto. The aggregate cost of supplying the province for the year is about \$40,000 or about one-quarter of the cost under commercial prices. All these products except typhoid vaccine are obtained from the University of Toronto and are prepared at the Connaught antitoxin laboratories about twelve miles outside of the city. Needless to say the enterprise of the Board is the subject of many appreciative remarks by the public and the medical profession.

NURSES ASKED TO FIGHT CANCER.

Nurses, especially those engaged in public health work, can do much to prevent unnecessary deaths from cancer, according to a special bulletin published recently by the American Society for the Control of Cancer. Many patients, especially women, it is pointed out, will speak to a nurse about the danger signals of this disease, such as lumps, persistent sores, ulcerations and other irregularities, when they would hesitate to call a doctor. Attention to these apparently trivial conditions, says the bulletin, often means the actual prevention of cancer or at least its discovery in the early stages when the hope of cure is greatest.

In promoting the special education of nurses so that they may be prepared to act as advance scouts in discovering this insidious enemy, the Society for the Control of Cancer has obtained the co-operation of national, state and local nurses' associations. All the leading schools of nursing have been urged to provide special lectures on the early signs of this disease so that nurses, when they take up their professional work may be equipped with the necessary knowledge, not to make a diagnosis themselves but to see that people with suspicious symptoms receive prompt and competent professional advice. Through the co-operation of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, the special bulletin above referred to, is being sent to several thousand visiting nurses' associations and prominent individual nurses throughout the country. Copies may also be obtained from the American Society for the Control of Cancer, 25 West 45th Street, New York City.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES IN ONTARIO.

Except for an increase in diphtheria and a slight gain in scarlet fever the health of the Province during January, so far as communicable diseases is concerned, was better than in January, 1916. Measles was too much in evidence but at that the total was well behind that a year ago.

The detailed returns show: