

HEALTH OF CITY HAS BEEN GOOD.

Dr. Langrill Gives a Very Interesting Report.

Some Suggestions Respecting Garbage Collection.

Death Rate 12-8 in 1000 During the Year.

Dr. Langrill, Medical Officer, has prepared a report for the Board of Health, from which the following interesting extracts are taken:

There were 1,785 cases of infectious disease of all classes reported during the year. Of these 1,739 were mumps.

Typhoid fever and diphtheria are the best indices of the sanitary conditions of a city, and I am glad to be able to report that there have been fewer cases and deaths from these diseases this year than for some years past; there were 86 cases of diphtheria and 13 deaths, a mortality of 15 per cent. of cases—a case rate of one in every 640 of population, and a death rate of one in 4,230 of population. There were 24 deaths from diphtheria in 1902, and 25 in 1901, so that this year shows a reduction of nearly 50 per cent. It is worth noting that of the 86 cases reported to the Health Department, 71 were removed to and treated in the Isolation Building of the City Hospital, of the 71 cases treated there, eight died, while of the 15 cases treated at home, five died—a comparative statement which demonstrates forcibly the advantage to the patient of hospital treatment.

The regulations of the Provincial Board of Health now require the Medical Health Officer to remove every case of scarlet fever and diphtheria at once to the Isolation Hospital. In a good many instances, especially of scarlet fever cases, patients have refused to allow me to remove their children to the hospital and I was obliged to leave them in their homes, believing that forcible means and harsh measures would ultimately defeat the attempt to win public opinion in favor of prompt isolation in place of isolation upon the patient or guardian as well as on the Health Officer, so that in the event of the spread of the disease through refusal of the patient or guardian to place the child in the hospital, the responsibility for damages which might arise from such spread could be made to rest upon the patient or guardian. There were 83 cases of Typhoid fever reported with six deaths, a mortality of ten per 100,000 of population, which is a very low death rate, and places the water, ice and milk supply of the city in a good position. In other cities, as regards freedom from typhoid germs, many of the cases became infected outside the city, most while in the country, doubtless from using impure well water.

Three cases of smallpox were reported this year, but each was a separate outbreak. Two cases were imported, one from Blainville township, and the other from a tramp from the United States. In both cases the prompt and efficient measures taken by the Board and its officials in no instance was the disease spread beyond the first case. These cases were handled at a cost of \$546, deducting \$200 the cost of the wooden structure, which was erected last winter, and which will be of use for the future. Thus the average cost of stamping out each outbreak with care and treatment of patient was \$182, which for smallpox shows economic methods. In one case of smallpox occurring in one family in the Township of Barton were treated in the Isolation building, that municipality bearing the whole expense. The Board of Health is to be congratulated that it has at length procured an excellent site for a permanent smallpox hospital, and hope next year that a proper building will be erected.

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The by-law to prevent spitting in public places, if properly enforced, will add both in a practical and educational way to the spread of this disease. While these direct measures are necessary, there are many indirect evils to be remedied. The most important of these is the lack of proper ventilation of workshops, factories, offices and schools. Impure air is the greatest predisposing cause of the disease. Four cases of tuberculosis were sent by the city during the year to the Sanatorium at Gravenhurst, and three of these have been discharged with the disease arrested, while the other is improving. The cost of these cases has been \$211, an average cost of \$33 a patient.

637 samples of milk were collected and analyzed during the year. The average proportion of butter fat in the 637 samples was 3.84 per cent., so that the milk supplied to the city considered as its food value, is regarded as a fair standard of richness. The practice of coloring milk to give it a creamy appearance has been stopped. During the summer months 100 samples of milk were analyzed for preservatives, one of which was found to contain formaldehyde, and 7 milk dealers were prosecuted and fined for this reprehensible adulteration with the result that the practice ceased. If milk is clean and kept cool, drugs are not required to keep it from turning sour. The importance of milk of more importance than its food value, and the regulations to ensure its purity cannot be too rigidly enforced. The numerous bacteria in milk rapidly increase with warmth and in their growth poisons are formed which, in infants, cause diarrhoea. I am of the opinion that infant sickness and mortality could be appreciably decreased by prohibiting the sale of milk of a higher temperature than 50° F.

The scavenger service which is so important in promoting cleanliness and health in the city, has been more efficient by increasing the force and forming another district. From five of the six districts very few complaints have been received, and the work has been very satisfactorily done through the contractor, the other had to be changed several times this interfering there with good work. The whole system could be greatly improved by employing men to go just in advance of the teams and to carry garbage barrels out to the street or alley, thus relieving house-holders of this disagreeable work, while the unsightly appearance of garbage receptacles of all kinds lining the streets would be removed. This could be done by increasing the force of the scavenger service, which would make the cost to each household about five cents a month.

All nuisances complained of during the year have been promptly investigated and attended to by the Inspectors. I wish to commend them for the prompt and efficient measures taken by the Board and its officials in no instance was the disease spread beyond the first case. These cases were handled at a cost of \$546, deducting \$200 the cost of the wooden structure, which was erected last winter, and which will be of use for the future. Thus the average cost of stamping out each outbreak with care and treatment of patient was \$182, which for smallpox shows economic methods. In one case of smallpox occurring in one family in the Township of Barton were treated in the Isolation building, that municipality bearing the whole expense. The Board of Health is to be congratulated that it has at length procured an excellent site for a permanent smallpox hospital, and hope next year that a proper building will be erected.

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THE CHICAGO THEATRE HORROR.

Saturday a Day of Mourning and Funerals.

Mrs. Henning Lost Her Family of Four Boys.

Prosecuting Those Responsible for the Fire.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Church bells tolling at noon, business activity checked, many celebrations postponed and long lines of funerals making their way to the outlying districts, where the cemeteries are situated—these circumstances evidenced Chicago's outward grief for the victims of the Iroquois Theatre disaster to-day. Priests and ministers went from funeral to funeral to-day, as they will to-morrow and Monday. The unidentified dead will be kept as long as possible at the morgue, if no one in the city claims them. The bodies they will be buried at the city's expense. By common consent of the clergy, "Lead, Kindly Light," the hymn written by Cardinal Newman, is being sung at all the funerals.

The city hall, except absolutely necessary departments, was closed to-day. The Board of Trade closed an hour earlier than usual, and a number of mercantile and manufacturing establishments also closed early. The big State street department stores closed their doors at noon.

Thirty-four teachers in the public schools are known to have lost their lives. The schools will close Monday in their memory. The number of corpses is 256. Another unidentified body of a woman that had been overlooked in the search for the bodies, a ticket was found on the body, "Detroit to Chicago."

The Ashes Curtain.
An analysis of the composition of the "ashes" curtain of the Iroquois Theatre fire, which was made by the city chemists. The curtain was consumed by the flames, although the ordinance requires a fireproof curtain, such as general asbestos material. Among the missing reported to-day are the following: Raymond, Mrs. Wm. O. Strawnbridge; Mrs. M. Reynolds, Josephine, 7 years old; Fraser, James, Peoria, Ill.

The Henning Family.
More cases involving the wreck of houses as a result of the Iroquois Theatre fire, are still coming to light. A little search has been conducted so far for the body of Harold, the five and one-half year old son of E. Henning. Nearly the entire Henning family perished in the fire. The boy and his three brothers and his mother were at the Iroquois when the fire broke out. The mother was barely saved by the unknown rescuer, she believed her boys were behind her, but the bodies of three were later taken to the undertakers rooms where they were identified. The body of the youngest boy has not yet been found. Mrs. Henning was badly injured. The father believes that the boy has rather been wrongly identified or is alive in one of the hospitals.

Charged With Manslaughter.
Chicago, Jan. 2.—Formerly charged with manslaughter, Mrs. W. J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, of the Iroquois Theatre, with city building commissioner William W. Sullivan, were held under bonds of \$10,000 each.

Colonel Wm. Pinkerton and Chas. H. Plummer furnished bonds for Davis and Powers. Andrew J. Graham, banker, furnished bond for commissioner Williams. Arthur E. Hull, whose family perished in the theatre fire, and who was the complainant, was present when the two theatre managers and the city official underwent the ordeal of facing the charges. The hearing of the case was set for January 12.

In Police Court.
Twenty men arrested in connection with the Iroquois Theatre tragedy, were arraigned before Justice Caverly in the Harrison Street Police Court today on a charge of manslaughter. Five were members of the "Mr. Blue Beard" Company, and were defended by an attorney. No testimony was given in court, and was immediately agreed that a continuance be granted. The time was devoted to an effort by the attorneys to get reduced from the \$5,000 in which they had been held, in the end the bonds in each case were reduced to \$1,000, and the cases placed on the calendar for hearing Jan. 11th. The attorney told the magistrate that his clients had nothing to do with the management, construction, or handling of the scenery. He said they continued singing even after the audience became panic-stricken in a vain effort to allay the fears of the frightened audience. Those who will be arraigned, Jan. 11th, are: Edward G. J. Wines, Samuel Bell, John J. Russell and E. M. Mora. The other defendants will have a hearing Monday. They are: Wm. D. Kerr, Wm. McMillen, Plunkett, Mazovitch, Edward Engle, Wm. McQueen, Wm. Olsen, F. Poland, Wm. Carlton, J. J. Andrew and F. P. Nolan. These bonds were placed at \$5,000 each. McMillen is considered by the police to be one of the most important witnesses. He was in charge of the spot light which set fire to the scenery and resulted in the large loss of life.

Frank Poland made a vain effort to buy his bond reduced from \$5,000, saying that he was off the stage when the fire started. He told the magistrate that he and another employee were in a balcony above the gallery controlling the lights, which made the "pale moonlight" for the scene. When the panic occurred, he says his companion jumped to his death. He could not remember the incident. Mrs. of the victims had Magistrate refused to decrease the amount of the bond, believing that Poland might be able to explain the cause of the fire before the fire. Controller Traeger sent a communication to Mayor Harrison to-day suggesting a public funeral of fire victims. Mayor of the victims had money in their possession, which could not be found when the bodies were examined at the morgue. The property of value was un-

doubtedly lost but a large amount may have been stolen by thieves. In the excitement which reigned at the time there was no way of preventing physicians from searching the victims and taking their valuables.

The largest amount of currency recovered was \$2.05, found pinned to the garments of a woman.

Joe Dougherty, who is now in one of the hospital wards, with a broken leg, was the man who attempted to lower the asbestos curtain. He says the reason that it stuck and would not drop down, was that it was stuck on the are spot light near the top of the proscenium arch.

Closed Theatres.
Chicago, Jan. 2.—Mayor Harrison to-day ordered the closing of every theatre in Chicago, without exception, until it had been definitely ascertained that they are not violating any city ordinance. This is supplementary to the mayor's order of last night, which closed about half the total number of playhouses in the city.

Number of unidentified, 24. J. Thompson, Mrs. Gertrude Fitzpatrick, Harry Ludwig, Nancy H. S. N. the last named of Grandville, Mich., E. S. Thompson, a lawyer, and Mrs. Marian W. Gibbs, were identified.

Cause of Explosion.
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—The coroner's jury yesterday received cable orders from the Japanese Government to-day to proceed immediately to Japan.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Bank of Montreal building at Collingwood was damaged by fire to the extent of \$25,000.

A large number of recruits for the Toronto Light Horse were enrolled in suburban districts.

Three Grand Trunk engines and many cars were smashed in collision in the yards at Allandale.

Syracuse and vicinity is experiencing a heavy fall of snow. Trains on the New York and Ontario are delayed.

The Princess Mathilde, only daughter of Prince Jerome Bonaparte, died at seven o'clock on Saturday evening at Paris.

Queen's University will make a general gift of books to the library of Ottawa University, which was destroyed in the recent fire.

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the New Insurance written during 1903 exceeds that of any previous year in the history of the Association, and that all other Departments of the Association's business show gratifying advancement.

Head Office, Toronto, January 1st, 1904.

GO FOR YOUR LETTERS.

Official List of Those Unclaimed at Hamilton.

List of unclaimed letters lying in the Hamilton Post-office, received previous to Dec. 28, 1903:

Adams, Mr., 301, cor. Bay and Stewart sts.
Anderson, Victor, 78 Bay st.
Arnold, William
Armstrong, Miss Kate
Atkinson, R. V.

Barratt, A. B. (2)
Beck, Mrs. Thomas
Blake, Mrs. B. G., 1030 York st.
Bolton, John, Mrs. George
Bolton, Wm.
Bolton, Mrs. Thomas
Brown, Miss Mayne
Bragg, Byrd
Brown, T. W.
Brennan, Mary, 48 Rebecca st.
Bunowes, Thomas
Burnett, Miss Mattie, 56 West ave. n.
Burne, Mary

Clarkson, Frank
Cosgravy, Michael, 156 Emerald st. n.
Cooper, Thos.
Coppin, Mrs. Edith, Hars. Co.
Croft, R. A., 113 Emerald st. n.
Culp, Amos

Dancy, Miss Susan, 129 Hughson sta.
Dick, Miss Gladie, 164 Mary st.
Dixon, Mrs. or Miss, Maggie V.
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