

The total deaths from all causes are 1,933 or 31 more than for June last year, but this may be accounted for through 30 more division registrars having reported than in June a year ago, and it is pleasing to know the death rate per 1,000 is no higher, being 11.2 for both periods.

In the table of infectious diseases appended it will be noticed that measles have become very prevalent as compared with the same month last year, there being no less than 420 cases reported, with 11 deaths, or twice as many as that caused by scarlet fever. Diphtheria caused four more deaths, although the cases reported are 45 less, which makes a case mortality of 18.8.

The extent to which tuberculosis prevails in the Province is very great when it is considered it has caused 207 deaths, or 83 more than all other infectious diseases. It is to be regretted that so few municipalities have taken advantage of the Act respecting municipal sanitaria for consumptives, and assist those unfortunate people who are victims of this most insidious disease. Meanwhile the disease continues its onward course, carrying off its hundreds each month.

The following comparative table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases for June last, as compared with the same month of last year:—

Disease.	1905.		1904.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Smallpox.....	19	0	40	1
Scarlet Fever... ..	96	5	136	5
Diphtheria.....	212	40	257	36
Measles.....	420	11	41	1
Whooping Cough... ..	40	8	46	9
Typhoid.....	43	19	40	15
Tuberculosis.....	210	207	212	196
Total.....	1,040	290	772	263

A death rate of about 20 per cent. is surely too high for diphtheria. The early administration of antitoxin should reduce this rate to almost zero. We fear that in some poor patients this potent remedy is not employed, and think that the municipality which denies to a poor child the benefit of antitoxin is as censurable as would be a surgeon who allowed a patient to bleed to death without making an effort to arrest the hæmorrhage.