

25 years the population has increased notably, no account being taken of this fact in the statistics.

No one to-day can doubt that diphtheria antitoxin has made good. The enormous number of repeated serum injections of all kinds made during the war has brought home the fact that the dangers have been grossly exaggerated.

TORONTO STATISTICS

Increases in the number of cases of diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, tuberculosis and mumps, as compared with February, are shown in the report of the Department of Public Health for March. Smallpox shows a distinct decrease, only 127 cases being reported, as compared with 248 in February.

Sixty-nine cases of tuberculosis are reported, while there were only nine last month, but the difference is explained as due to failure to get complete returns last month owing to the pressure of work on the department and doctors during the influenza epidemic.

Comparative figures are:

	March 1920	Feb. 1920
Diphtheria.....	204	159
Scarlet Fever	216	152
Typhoid	1	2
Measles	449	222
Smallpox	127	248
Tuberculosis.. ..	69	9
Chicken-pox.. ..	65	51
Whooping cough	32	34
Mumps	274	241

During the month there were 1,363 births, 838 deaths and 466 marriages.

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS

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