

"It has been the practice of this Department to hold semi-annual conferences of industrial physicians and surgeons for several years. These conferences are well attended, and a great deal of valuable matter is presented in the discussions. In order to reach all physicians interested, it is desirable to have their names upon our mailing list. The next conference will be held early in 1919, and it is, therefore, essential that the names and addresses of all industrial physicians and surgeons be in my hands as soon as possible after January 1st.

"Expressing to you my deep appreciation for your courtesy in calling this matter to the attention of your readers, I am

"Very sincerely yours,

"FRANCIS D. PATTERSON,

"Chief, Division of Hygiene."

SUDDEN AND VIOLENT DEATHS IN TORONTO.

Sudden or violent deaths occurring during last year in Toronto were as follows:

Suddenly stricken or found dead.....	86
Gas.	46
Autos.	39
Drownings.	24
Burns.	23
Railways.	16
Airplanes.	14
Falls.	14
Street cars	8
Elevators.	6
Electrocuted.	6
Machinery.	5
Methylated spirits	4
Hangings.	4
Waggons.	3
Murders.	3
Acid.	2
Shot.	2
Crushed.	2
Convulsions.	1
Lightning.	1
Poisoning.	1
Total.	309

Deaths from asphyxiation numbered no less than 46, an increase of 10 over 1917 and of 32 over 1916. About one-quarter of the total number