

DISEASES ARE SPREADING.

The report of the Provincial Board of Health for the month of July shows a serious condition in the Province in certain diseases, particularly infantile paralysis and spinal meningitis. There were eleven cases of infantile paralysis, causing two deaths, as against one case and no deaths in July last year; spinal meningitis, ten cases and ten deaths, as against thirteen cases and seven deaths last year. Whether the ten deaths were all from cases which developed in July, or whether some of them were cases from previous months, the department does not say. There were nine cases of smallpox and three deaths, as compared with twenty-six cases and no deaths in July, 1915.

The epidemic of measles registers itself on the records. During July there were 1,234 cases, with eight deaths, but in July, 1915, there were only 496 cases and six deaths. Scarlet fever shows 80 cases and nine deaths, as against 83 cases and two deaths; diphtheria, 179 cases and nineteen deaths, as against 175 cases and ten deaths; whooping cough, 179 cases and eight deaths, as against 133 cases and nine deaths; typhoid, 76 cases and nine deaths, as against 53 cases and five deaths; tuberculosis, 143 cases and 82 deaths, as against 105 and 70 deaths.

Health authorities say that the intense heat in July accounts in a large measure for the spread of the diseases. One new case of infantile paralysis was reported from Windsor, making twelve in that city.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL LEGISLATION OF THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

This committee was appointed by the President of the O. M. A. when it became known that the Government had empowered the Hon. Justice Hodgins as Commission,

1. To inquire into and report upon:

(a) All or any matters relating to Education for the practice of Medicine in or affecting the Province of Ontario.

(b) The Constitution, powers, duties and regulations of any body corporate or unincorporated and of any faculty or department thereof having any relation to medicine, the exercise of the same and the revenue and expenditures thereof.

(c) The situation, legal, or otherwise, of such bodies in regard to each other or to the Province.

(d) The establishment, creation, control and regulation of any new body intended to have relation to medicine.

(e) The existing or possible methods of examining licensing or