

The following official table tells its own story:

	1919. Dec.,	1919. Nov.,	1918. Dec.,
Diphtheria .....	343	248	130
Scarlet Fever .....	180	112	69
Typhoid Fever .....	7	5	4
Measles .....	56	19	3
Smallpox .....	1,046	811	0
Chickenpox .....	153	340	32
Whooping cough .....	62	37	11
Mumps .....	143	106	9
Spinal Meningitis .....	1	1	2

In view of the claims of the anti-vaccinists that diphtheria often follows vaccination, the above report is interesting. In this connection, the M. O. H. said: "The situation is deserving of the closest investigation, and I shall not be satisfied until I have secured all possible information. And when I have had an opportunity of weighing all the evidence, I shall issue a full and frank report."

#### PROVINCIAL HEALTH STATISTICS.

In the health returns for the province for December pneumonia ranks as the most dangerous disease with 180 deaths. Tuberculosis follows with 95 deaths and diphtheria next with 65. Typhoid fever follows a long way behind with 21 deaths, scarlet fever with 17, measles with 14, and whooping cough and cerebro-spinal meningitis had 9 deaths each. Deaths also occurred from acute influenzal pneumonia to the number of 3, influenza 5, and infantile paralysis and smallpox tow each. With the largest number of cases, 1,414, smallpox had the smallest number of deaths. Tuberculosis continues to make the steadiest drain on the life of the province, though there were many fewer deaths from this cause in December, 1919, than in December, 1918, when 138 were recorded.

Diphtheria is another dangerous disease and scarlet fever and measles are coming to be regarded as almost equally dangerous. But pneumonia continues to be the most deadly of the swift moving maladies. In our climate, bracing and vitalizing as it is, the danger from swift changes of temperature, more frequently due to artificial than to natural conditions, makes it necessary to take every precaution. No "cold" should be neglected and fresh air, especially at night, should be insisted upon.