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MISCELLANEOUS

THE BASE HOSPITAL CONDEMNED.

The Jury that heard the evidence in the case of the Toronto Base Hospital on Gerrard Street, came to the following conclusion:—

“We find that Cadet F. N. Davidson died at the Base Hospital on October 13th, 1918, from influenza, which developed into bronchial-pneumonia.

“We also find and strongly censure the Militia Medical Council of Ottawa for not providing better hospital accommodation for soldiers after four years’ duration of war.

“The largest military district in Canada, has sent most men overseas, and has been provided with the least accommodation by the Militia Council, which we think is not fair to the people of Military District No. 2.

“We also strongly condemn the Militia Medical Council for the overcrowded condition of the Base Hospital, and we condemn the Base Hospital building as unsuitable for hospital purposes.”

A rider was added expressing the thanks of the jury to Mayor Church, Dr. McCallum, the coroner; Crown Attorney R. H. Greer, and the press of the city for the share they had taken in the investigation.

VITAL STATISTICS REFORM.

Ottawa, November 7.—It is announced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that a long step toward the solution of public health problems will be taken with the completion of the work now in hand in organizing the vital statistics (births, deaths and marriages) of Canada. A conference of officials was held at Ottawa in July last and preliminary action taken toward a scheme of Dominion and Provincial co-operation.

The object of the conference was to arrive at a scheme of uniform