

Letters sent	1,280	25,000
References to other departments	912	2,500
Reports from " "	470	2,300
Marriage License Forms, supplied to Issuers ..	None	65,000
Commissions	190	121
Warrants re Lunatics	195	323
Appointments to Office Gazetted	149	650
Other Public Notices	58	451
Proclamations	16	10
Letters Patent and Licenses	24	547
Fees	\$2,282	\$87,534

Public Health.

By the establishment of the Provincial Board of Health in 1882 the Government has undertaken in conjunction with the Local Boards of Health the general supervision of the health of the Province. The special object of the Provincial Health Organization is to disseminate information for the prevention of contagious and infectious diseases. At different times it has been called upon to deal with outbreaks of smallpox, scarlatina, diphtheria and typhoid in the unorganized portions of the Province. As a result of its labors, the mortality rate of Ontario has been greatly reduced, as may be seen in the following table :

Total deaths in 1883, 21,049 ; or rate per 1,000 pop. 10.9.

" " 1900, 29,494 ; " " 12.7.

Total deaths from Preventable Diseases in 1883, 3,787 ; or 17% of total deaths.

Total deaths from Preventable Diseases in 1900, 1929 ; or 6.5% of total deaths.

Or an absolute saving of 1,858 lives from preventable deaths alone, or 50.9 of a decrease in 17 years, notwithstanding the total death rate has been increased by 8,445 or an increase of 35.0%.

The Health Department also advises corporations in regard to the construction of sewerage systems, and makes analyses of samples of water in order to protect the public against pollution in private and public water supplies, and determines the potability of all waters proposed as public supplies for towns. In 1882 there were 12 municipalities in Ontario having public water supplies, and fewer still with sewerage systems ; in 1901 there are 105 municipalities with public water supplies, and 52 with systems of town sewerage more or less complete.

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