

THE INFLUENCE OF WAR ON SEX.

The theory—or superstition—that there are more male babies born in wartime than during times of peace may be the belief of many people, but it does not seem to hold good in Toronto, despite the fact that Canada is at war. True it is that the proportion for 1915 and 1916 shows a slight increase over the preceding years. But the year 1909 shows exactly the same proportion as the year 1915, while in the year 1905, the proportion is larger than either 1915 or 1916.

The figures for Toronto for the last twelve years are as follows:—

Year.	Males.	Females.	No. of Males per 1,000 Females.
1916	6,535	5,963	1,096
1915	6,678	6,128	1,090
1914	7,188	6,761	1,063
1913	7,043	6,679	1,055
1912	5,616	5,344	1,051
1911	5,229	4,817	1,086
1910	4,381	4,608	957
1909	4,093	3,755	1,090
1908	4,132	3,806	1,086
1907	3,429	3,251	1,055
1906	3,079	2,906	1,060
1905	3,082	2,744	1,123

Although there are more boys than girls born as a rule, it seems to be true, nevertheless, that the female population of a country is greater, showing that more girl babies survive, and women as a rule live longer than men.

A despatch from London gives figures to show that since the war broke out there was an increase in the number of male children born, but the proportion given is not even as high on the average as in Toronto. The highest ratio for any quarter in 1916, in England, was 1,051.

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS

PREPARE THE BABIES FOR HOT WEATHER.

During the month of June it is not a bad plan for the physician to take mental “stock” of the babies under his care, especially such as are