

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF ONTARIO, 1910

What the frivolous call "The hatches, matches and dispatches record" for the Province of Ontario for 1910, which has been compiled by the Registrar-General's Department, contains some interesting figures with regard to the vital statistics of the Province. The Report is in the hands of the printers, and will not be ready for the public for some weeks yet.

During the year there were 55,871 births, 24,036 marriages and 33,539 deaths, or 24.9, 10.7 and 14 per 1,000 of the estimated population respectively for the county municipalities of the Province (including cities and towns).

For the 18 cities the figures are: Births, 18,767, or 32.2 per 1,000; marriages, 11,793, or 20.2 per 1,000; and deaths, 12,303, or 21.1 per 1,000.

The towns of 5,000 population and over are 15 in number, and their statistics are as follows: Births, 2,918, ratio 21.6; marriages, 1,405, ratio 10.4; deaths, 1,109, ratio 14.7.

Of the 33,539 deaths there were 706 from typhoid fever, 2,287 from tuberculosis in all forms, as against 2,380 in 1909. Cancer was the cause of death in 1,077 cases; 222 died from diabetes, 327 from anemia, 355 meningitis, 923 apoplexy, 2,240 organic heart trouble, 464 broncho-pneumonia, 1,458 pneumonia.

Diarrhea among infants under two years of age was fatal in 1,374 cases, while 2,455 died when under four months of age, owing to weakness from birth or ignorance on the part of the mothers with regard to the care of children.

In 284 cases women lost their lives in child-birth.

Of the 1,626 deaths from affections produced by external causes, 91 persons took their lives by various methods, hanging being the favorite; 26.3 per cent. of this number selecting this means of exit from a weary world. Ninety-five persons were poisoned accidentally; 43 were burned to death; 112 died from burns received; 33 died from gas poisoning; 266 were drowned; 64 shot accidentally; 209 killed by motor cars, landslides, steam and electric railways, etc.; 13 were frozen to death; 8 died from effects of heat—sunstroke; 11 killed by lightning; 18 by electric shock; 17 homicides took place, and the balance, 645, died from various accidental causes.

Old age was the cause of death of 3,429 persons; 2,207 were still-born.