

Diseases.	May, 1919.		May, 1918.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Smallpox.....	98	2	71	..
Scarlet fever.	391	7	324	6
Diphtheria.	264	26	193	14
Measles.	34	..	1,935	14
Whoop. Cough.	46	8	251	8
Influenza.	188	45	..	..
Typhoid.	18	6	27	4
Tuberculosis.	233	188	209	124
Infantile paralysis.	..	..	6	2
Cerebro spinal meningitis..	12	11	13	6
Acute influenzal pneumonia	..	44	..	..
Acute primary pneumonia.	..	266	..	..
	1,284	603	3,029	176

STATISTICS OF TORONTO FOR MAY.

Vital statistics of the city for the past month, with comparisons, are:

	May, 1919.	May, 1918.	April, 1919.
Births.	980	1,168	1,003
Marriages.	445	407	423
Deaths.	521	522	612

AN ONWARD MOVEMENT IN HOSPITALS.

In line with the forward movement now progressing throughout the Dominion, particularly in the Province of Ontario, the Medical Superintendents of all the Ontario hospitals were called together in conference by the Provincial Secretary recently to discuss plans and suggestions connected with the efficiency and standing of the public institutions of the province.

During the period of the war the medical staffs at the Ontario hospitals were reduced almost to the vanishing point by reason of the large number of physicians and nurses who volunteered for their country's service, and now that the war is over it is the intention of the Provincial Secretary to re-build and strengthen the staffs of medical assistants and nurses at the various hospitals in the province to cope with the ever increasing need for such work, and develop at each institution the medical and scientific side of hospital life, particularly in research work,