

BORN, MARRIED AND DIED.

The Average Length of Life in Ontario—Interpreting Items from the Registrar-General's Report.

From the report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1880, of Hon. A. S. Hardy, registrar-general for Ontario, we take a further budget of interesting information.

ABOUT BIRTHS. The number of births registered during the year was 42,312, increase over 1879 of 1277. The number of marriages registered was 12,783, an increase of 274 over 1879. The number of deaths registered was 19,802, an increase of 1844 over number registered in 1879.

ABOUT MARRIAGES. The duty devolving upon ministers to register the marriages solemnized by them appears to have been promptly and carefully performed.

ABOUT DEATHS. In deaths thirty counties report an increase, of which the most noticeable are the counties of Carleton, Essex, Wellington, Northumberland and Durham (united), and Frontenac; Carleton giving the highest of all, an increase of 214.

IN CITIES AND TOWNS. The returns from the twenty cities and large towns give in births a ratio of 27.5 to 1000 persons living; in marriages 10.7 per 1000, and in deaths 17.6 per 1000, an increase over 1879 of 3 per 1000.

ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN. The births of illegitimate children was largely in excess of those of 1879. In that year 524 were registered; in 1880, 671; an increase of 147. The four counties, York, Carleton, Middlesex and Wentworth, having within their limits the largest cities, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa and London, return 290 illegitimate births, or 56 per cent. of the whole number of these births registered in the Province.

WHEN THEY MARRY. Of the 25,566 persons (not couples) married, 9255 were Methodists, or nearly three-fourths of the whole number, the larger number of these being females.

MARRIED AT EIGHTY. For the last 8 years there has been reported each year at least one man marrying when 80 or over 80 years of age, this year four are so returned. One of these was 86, and his partner 60 years of age; another 85 and his wife 41; and in the third case the husband was 81 and his wife 41.

CHECKERS.—The Clinton New Era says: Mr. C. F. Roache, of this place, played two games of checkers with the "herd laddie" (Mr. Wiley) at Seaford, on Tuesday, losing the first game, and making the second a draw, which was good play.

FOR MANITOBA.—On Tuesday Messrs J. Leslie and F. Jones shipped by G. T. R. 80 pairs of harrows, several buckboards, a democrat wagon and butcher cart, for Winnipeg, themselves following to-day.

THE LARGEST PROPORTION OF ADULTS IN THE year were as usual caused by consumption—or 11.2 per cent. of the total. Many more females than males died of this disease, more especially in the period of maturity.

THE CAUSES OF DEATH.—Inflammation of the lungs would probably be second in the list as to the height of its mortality.

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WHAT TRADES ARE LONG-LIVED. Those who had been engaged in the following ten occupations were the longest lived, respectively, their years at death averaging from 63 years in the case of millwrights to 57 years in the case of millers.

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SOME WEATHER SIGNS. Miss Minnie L. Gogode Robinson, Esq., F. G., as a Weather Prophetess. A rosy sunset, whether the sky be clear or cloudy at the time, presages fine weather.

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