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## COMMENT FROM MONTH TO MONTH

**Pneumonia, Tonsillitis, Rheumatism, Organic Heart Disease**  
offer a great field for endeavor on the part of the medical officer  
of health. Smallpox has been stayed in its ravages. Diphtheria  
vies with smallpox in being one of the lesser evils. Typhoid fever  
is well understood and, consequently, easily kept within bounds.  
Tuberculosis is being mastered. During 1913 there were 2,076  
deaths from pneumonia in Ontario. It is likely pretty much the  
same in every province. It is not yet a notifiable disease, but it  
is a germ disease, and its great toll of human life cannot much  
longer be permitted to pass unchallenged. The intimate relation-  
ship of tonsillitis, rheumatism, and organic heart disease calls for  
serious consideration of tonsillitis, necessarily as the initial step  
in the prevention of this triad. Organic heart disease heads the  
list in "The Highest Causes of Death," in Ontario—2,829 deaths  
in 1913.

It is not an unusual occurrence to see tonsillitis, or so-called  
"sore throats," running through almost an entire family. Iso-