

DEATH RATE FOR 1911 IN THE UNITED STATES.

Preliminary mortality statistics, issued on Jan. 1 by the United States Census Bureau, indicate a death rate in the year 1911 of only 14.4 per 1,000 living in the registration area, as compared with 15 per 1,000 in 1910. The area from which complete returns are now received includes 22 states and 45 cities outside these states, representing a total population of 57,237,697. Every one of the eight cities of the United States having a population above 500,000 shows a lower death rate in 1911 than in 1910.

McKINLEY HOSPITAL SEALS.

The William McKinley Memorial Hospital League, which is planning to erect a \$7,000,000 hospital in New York in memory of President McKinley, announces that the McKinley Memorial Hospital seals will be put on sale on January 29th. These seals will cost one cent each, and will be put on letters, packages, etc., after the fashion of the Red Cross Christmas seals.

TUBERCULOSIS AND WHAT THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT HAS DONE.

That the death rate from tuberculosis was lower in Ontario than in England, United States, Germany, Norway, Ireland, Servia and Austria, was stated by Hon. W. J. Hanna in the Legislature recently, when he replied to enquiries of Mr. J. McQueen, North Wentworth, concerning the Government's action towards preventing the spread of tuberculosis in the province.

Not only did the Provincial Secretary's reply show that the Government had responded to appeals from various localities, but that the efforts put forward had resulted in a decrease in the annual death toll since 1905.

Mr. Hanna stated that petitions had been received from twenty-six municipal councils and four cities.

The grants made by the Ontario Government for the past ten years to assist local sanitaria in caring for tubercular patients, and to provide facilities for their treatment were:—For the five years, 1900 to 1905, \$20,438.60; for the five years, from 1905 to 1911, \$160,073.05; total, \$180,511.65. In addition, the Government in 1907 appropriated the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of a tuberculosis exhibit. The value of this