

VITAL STATISTICS OF TORONTO FOR MARCH.

The vital statistics for March, 1913 shows that the death rate in Toronto was lower than in the corresponding month last year, and lower than in February of this year.

There were more births and more marriages in March, 1913 than in March, 1912.

Diphtheria and tuberculosis still maintains the record for deaths during the month as in March last year, while smallpox did not carry off one victim by death.

Scarlet fever death rate declined by one in comparison with last year; while typhoid fever claims 2 victims during the month and measles 4.

	March 1913	March 1912	Feb. 1913
Births	1073	966	916
Marriages	340	301	277
Deaths	546	594	580

	March 1913	March 1912	Feb. 1913
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet fever	3	4	5
Diphtheria	10	13	11
Measles	4	3	8
Whooping cough	1	2	5
Typhoid fever	2	3	2
Tuberculosis	29	25	26
Infant paralysis	0	1	0
Spinal meningitis	1	0	0

VACCINATION APHORISMS.

1. It is the vaccinated persons whose vaccination has "lapsed," rather than the unvaccinated, who really spread smallpox.

2. Infantile vaccination alone, however efficiently enforced, will never save a country from smallpox.

3. Smallpox does *not* "spread like wildfire" in an unvaccinated community where modern methods of prevention are efficiently carried out.

4. There is no fact more firmly established in the whole field of science than that variola and vaccinia confer reciprocal immunity.

5. Modern methods of smallpox prevention are superseding infantile vaccination just as the latter superseded smallpox inoculation.