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TYPHOID A CONTROLLABLE DIS EASE.

One day last summer the Secretary of the Indiana board of health casually remarked that "five hundred men and women in Indiana, now well, will be dead from typhoid fever before January 1." He based his prediction on the mortuary records of the State, on the indifference of the people in the matter of proper precautions against typhoid, and on the lack of means furnished the board of health to enable it to/act in the matter. The prediction was more than verified. Before Christmas day there were in the office of the board the names of 822 persons who had died in the State from typhoid between July I and the later date, and there were yet to be added to the list the returns for December. "It is a long and dreadful list," comments the Secretary, "and I cannot help repeating that it is to a large extent an unnecessary list of fatalities. Typhoid can be controlled if the health authorities had funds with which to circulate educational literature on the subject, and to keep up a constant agitation of the necessity for purity of water supply and for cleansing of house premises. If we knew that a cyclone would begin to threaken and slay daily in the new year, we would not delay in seeking safety from it. We know that typhoid will find at least three victims daily, unless we take preventive

THE BRITISH CABINET NOT A LE-GALLY RECOGNIZED BODY.

It will doubtless surprise a good many people to learn that the British Cabinet is not a legal body, says the London Chronicle. Its existence his never been sacutioned by law. It is not once mentioned in the country's statutes. It could have no locus standi in any English court. The election or dismissal of its members is never officially announced to the public. Its proceedings are unrecorded and unreported. Its very name was originally an epithet, a term of reproach. Add to this the fact that its present supreme position in the scheme of government arose from a pure accident, and you have a series of facts sufficiently remarkable when it is remembered that they concern the administration of the most powerful empire in the world.

. The Salisbury Cabinet, which has just secured a new lease of power from the electorate, consists of twenty members. This is the largest number on record, and is almost double the min'mum allowed by the unwri ten law of precedent. According to established custom, the Cabinet must always consist of at least eleven members, who shall comprise the First Lord of the Treasury, the Lord Chancellor, the Lord President of the Council, the five Secretaries of State, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the First Lord of the Admiralty.

From earliest times there has always been one Minister or prime favorite on whom the King leaned or relied above his fellows. But the position of control and influence over his colleagues which the Prime Minister now possesses began about the time of Queen Anne. The office presents one or two quaint features, not the least of which is that theoretically it does not exist. It is a maxim of the constitution that no one Privy Councillor has priority over his colleagues; consequently, like the Cabinet which he rules, the Prime Minister is legally unknown. To bring himself into legitimate being the Prime Minister must always hold one or other of the recognized offices under the crown. Since 1606, and until Lord Sali bury broke through the tradition by appointing himself Foreign Secretary, the position was always held in conjunct on with that of First Lord of the Treasury. In more ansient times the Prime Minister was frequently held in conjunction with the Lord Chancellorship; but that was a long time ago, the last who filled this dual role being the Eurl of Clar-Indon in the reign of Charles I. It is interesting to note that this year Lord Salisbury reverts to a former custom by associating his office with the appointment of Lord Privy Seal, which has for some sixteen years past been an unpaid position.

CENSUS FIGURES.

The British census, to be taken or April 1st, is expected to show a popuif on of 40,600,000 people for the Is ands, an increase of 2,500,00 in ten years. The first con us of England was taken a hundred years ago, and showet a population of nearly nine mil lions, which was doubled in fifty years, and in 1891 the population of England was 29,000,000. Septland had 1,600,000 people at the beginning of the century, double this figure in seventy years, and had 4,280,000 people in 1891. Ireland's population was estimated at 5,216,000, and in 1821, when the first census was taken, it was 6,802,000. This increased to 8,198,000 in 1841 when a decline began and in 1891 the population was less than 5,000,000. Of course in densely peopled countries me do not expect as rapid an increase as in countries like the United States. gia,

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There were few occurrences in the ate war, so far as Canada is concerned, which were so pathetic as that of Mrs. Sutton, the bride of a year, meeting her husband's dead body at Halifax, after she had, twice crossed the Atlantic in the hope of greeting him.

M. K. COWAN'S LOSS.

Toronto Telegram: It was a sad day for the community represented by M. K. Cowan, M. P., when natural gas joined the exodus to the United States.

OTTER'S NECK.

Robcaygeon Independent. Col. Otter has recieved a gratuity of £40 from the war office for a wound in the neck. If we all could claim rewards for getting it in the neck, there would be a national liquidation at 1 cent on the dollar.

SAVED BY ABSTINENCE.

Galt Reformer Total abstinence pays. At least it did in the case of Alex. McLean, just returned from South Africa. As has been said, he was wounded in three places, so seriously that his life was despaired of. He recovered, a miracle his doctor told him, due entirely to the fact that he had never used either alcohol or tobacco.

WANT MORE GOOD HORSES.

London Free Press. Chicago, the greatest horse market in the world for the batter class of horses, received 99,010 horses last year, which is about twelve thousand less than in 1899, which shows great scarcity of good horses, says the Live Stock Journal. The horse buyers have made greater efforts to hunt up the horses suitable for the market demands, but it is difficult to find the big, heavy draft and high class coach horses, such as the exporters and the eastern buyers want. With the New Year the great industrial prosperity must have more good herses and exporters are again coming to the front for more horses of the export classes. Farmers and horseme facing the greatest demand ever known should breed more good draft horses and mature them as fast as possible, for the whole world is eager for more good horses.

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Kincardine Review. (Am instance of how stupid a delib erating body can sometimes be crop

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wading in the slush with bare feet. Eat

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mayor as often as he voted for councillors. There is a penalty attached to the act but there is no way of finding cust an offender.

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Detroit Tribune.

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