

porary executive appointed at the last meeting resolve itself into a permanent committee.

The constitution drawn up by the temporary executive was read by Dr. Gordon Bates, and was received and adopted as a provisional constitution.

An intensive campaign to obtain new members, to be inaugurated as soon as possible, which had been discussed by the temporary executive, was endorsed by this meeting.

TORONTO'S STATISTICS

According to statistics issued by the Public Health Department measles was the most prevalent during April, when 744 cases were reported and six deaths were registered. Scarlet fever and diphtheria are decreasing, although the figures shown are still somewhat high. The doctor points out that whooping cough is high in the death column, although the number of cases reported is not abnormal. The spread of these diseases, in the opinion of the doctor is due to congested housing conditions. The table is as follows:

	Cases Reported		Deaths Registered	
	1920	1919	1920	1919
Typhoid Fever	2	2	0	1
Smallpox	35	0	1	1
Measles	744	18	6	0
Scarlet fever	136	168	3	7
Whooping Cough	38	24	6	0
Diphtheria	172	128	19	9

According to a statement issued by Dr. Hastings, the general mortality during April was somewhat higher than is usual during that month. During April of this year there were 646 deaths registered and 47 still-births. The death rate for the month is 15.3 per annum. There were 556 deaths in April, 1919.

ESSEX COUNTY SANITARIUM BURNED TO THE GROUND

Essex County tuberculosis sanitarium at Union-on-the-Lake, thirty miles south of Windsor on Lake Erie, was burned to the ground on April 29th. There were 45 patients, including fourteen children, besides the superintendent and his staff, in the buildings. All escaped without injury, some of the patients being carried from their beds. The damage is estimated at \$100,000, with less than 50 per cent. insurance. The sanitarium was built in 1911. A \$40,000 addition to the original buildings was put up in 1915, and a campaign was shortly to have been launched to add a \$50,000 addition for children.