

LUNACY DUE TO DRINK INCREASES.

Some idea of the appalling ravages made by the drink scourge in present-day France may be formed by the terrible series of statistics showing the relation between alcohol and madness which specialists attached to the principal Paris lunatic asylums have just made public.

These figures reveal that since 1868, when exact records were started, the proportion of male lunatics whose loss of reason is caused by drink has increased from 14 per cent. to 47 per cent.; while on the female side the percentage has risen from less than 2 to 20.

Most of these unfortunates are psychopaths descended from other alcoholics.

TORONTO'S STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER.

There were 833 births, 479 marriages and 461 deaths registered at the City Hall last month, as compared with 1,020 births, 458 marriages and 487 deaths in October last, and 830 births, 541 marriages and 496 deaths in November, 1911. The deaths from tuberculosis last month numbered 23, as against 20 the previous month and 17 in November, 1911. Six typhoid fever cases proved fatal in November, 1912, one more than in the corresponding month in 1911, and one less than in October, 1912. Nine deaths from diphtheria occurred last month. In the previous month there were 10 and in November, 1911, 12 deaths from diphtheria. One death resulted last month from each of the following diseases: Measles, whooping cough and cerebro spinal affection.

CANADIAN MEDICAL EXCHANGE OFFICE.

Dr. W. E. Hamill, medical broker, who conducts the Canadian Medical Exchange for the purchase and sale of medical practices and properties between vendors and vendees, informs us that at no time during the past eighteen years that he has been conducting this business has he had such an inviting list of offers for sale as at the present time. Most of the practices are located in the Province of Ontario, but he has many in New Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Bona fide buyers who will agree to treat confidentially information received from the Medical Exchange can get full data of any offers on the books, with names and locations, and secure a short cut to the goal desired free. Besides the practices he has for sale, he also has a number of locations without a doctor, where the inhabitants have petitioned him to send them a doctor, and where population and area without opposi-