

among midwives and nurses regarding this disease, and the necessity of immediate treatment.

This subject is not new, but it is one which is continually thrust upon our notice and, in spite of all that has been said and written about it, a good deal of ignorance still prevails.

THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

In the current number we publish some of the statistics regarding death rates, &c., in this Province. They are collected by the Provincial Board of Health from over eight hundred different municipalities. This will give an idea of their work in this direction.

The death rate for twelve months, deduced from statistics collected for only half that time, is probably a little too high, especially for the cities, because in that time the hot summer months are included, when the mortality is particularly high. This is the first period for which statistics have been collected, the law having only come into effect on July 1st, 1893, and in future the year will run from January 1st to December 31st.

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