

pox, with 74 deaths; in 1908, 35,174 cases, with 92 deaths. This shows a small mortality for a comparatively large number of cases, and looks as though smallpox is not the dreaded and dreadful disease it once was.

Germany had 345 cases in 1907, as against 256 in 1906. The deaths in 1907 were 63, a mortality of 17.97 per cent, a death rate far in advance of what is recorded in the same year in the United States, and which would indicate a greater severity in the disease than on this side of the Atlantic.

In the five preceding years, in Germany the deaths were, respectively, 47, 30, 25, 20 and 25.

Of the 345 cases in Germany in 1907, 22 died who were unvaccinated; 14 died unknown as to vaccination; 3 died who were unsuccessfully vaccinated; two died who were vaccinated too late; ten died who had been vaccinated once; three died who were re-vaccinated too late; nine died who had been revaccinated.

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**The West Toronto Territorial District Society** met in the Academy of Medicine at the call of its representative on the Ontario Medical Council, Dr. J. S. Hart, on the afternoon of the 2nd of March. Of the two hundred-odd medical practitioners in the district, barely one dozen answered the call. A fine showing, this; a manifest lack of interest in the affairs of the Council.

That only those universities which had medical teaching bodies should be represented on the Council was the unanimous opinion of the meeting. It was felt, also, that there were too many representatives on the Council, and that its affairs could be better conducted by a much smaller body, one speaker instancing the General Medical Council of Great Britain, with about 34 members to a medical population of some fifty thousand, while in Ontario the ratio was something like 23 to three thousand. A reduction in the number would also save considerable expense.

Although the homeopaths might jealously defend their representation, the impression was very general that that representation as now constituted—five—was most unfair to the medical body throughout the Province.

Whilst it has been generally considered that there was a great deal of unrest in the profession throughout the Province on Council matters, the attendance at this meeting would seemingly warrant one in saying it is not particularly apparent in the territorial district of West Toronto. It was quite evident there was satisfaction with the stewardship Dr. Hart had rendered for the confidence reposed in him.