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INCREASE IN DEATHS.

The report of the Board of Health for 1918 shows that there was an increase in the number of deaths resulting from each of the communicable diseases, as against 1917. The comparative figures are:

Diseases.	—1918—		—1917—	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Smallpox.	435	2	225	0
Scarlet fever	2,900	70	2,027	38
Diphtheria.	3,193	267	3,590	223
Measles.	9,431	88	7,795	31
Whooping cough.	2,372	133	1,670	54
Typhoid.	797	142	825	83
Tuberculosis.	2,122	1,350	1,707	819
Infantile paralysis.	34	11	102	11
Cerebro-spinal meningitis.	118	80	113	66

The monthly returns include only deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis or consumption, and not other tubercular diseases.

The act making it compulsory on local Medical Officers of Health to report cases of venereal disease became effective in the middle of July last. From that date up until the end of the year 425 cases of syphilis were reported, 1,012 cases of gonorrhoea, and 29 cases of chancroid.

There was an alarming increase for the month in the number of cases of venereal disease reported, as compared with November. The figures are:—

Syphilis—December, 64; November, 17.

Gonorrhoea—December, 110; November, 75.

Chancroid—December, 4; November, 2.

One death resulted from syphilis.

FOOTWEAR AND HEALTH.

Disraeli said many years ago: "Public health is the foundation on which reposes the happiness of the people and the power of the country."

When we realize the value to our country of individuals with well-balanced and normally developed bodies, it becomes a duty to inform