

tendance of the pupils. The Truant Officer visits each school two or three times a week and the names of the absentees are given him.

The average pupil attends school about 175 days out of the 196 to 200 of the school year. A plan for the wider use of school plant might commend itself to the School Board, as none of the Schools are used outside of school hours, except the Collegiate, where a few night classes are held. The Superintendent of the Public Schools has a City Registry of all the pupils and an individual card system for each pupil which has proved a valuable factor in his work. None of the churches conduct educational classes, but at the Y.M.C.A. and the Finnish Hall, foreigners are being instructed in English. There are no regular lecture courses in the City, but the Canadian Club secures speakers from time to time. Accurate statistics on the nationalities of the pupils are not available, but the School Officials estimate that from thirty to thirty-five per cent. are of non-English origin. The foreign population is almost entirely in the Public School, there being scarcely any in the Collegiate Institute. The Italian children attend the Separate School and the Public Schools have the Finnish, Norwegian, Greek and Austrian children. There is a large percentage of American children and not a few from the British Isles.

LIBRARIES.

The present Public Library building is quite inadequate to the City's needs, but new space has been secured, although not in a separate library building. The Library is opened every week day from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. It has no auditorium for Lectures or for general public use. It is understood that this is the only library opened to the general public, but this Library is, however, entirely free. There are 6,222 volumes on the shelves and at the time of the Survey, 2,324 persons were drawing books. There are no special features in the Library, although a portion is set apart for the children's use. There is no children's librarian, no educational exhibit and no moving picture equipment. There is no organization in the Province which sends the Library sets of books for reference during any specified time. The Schools of the City have permanent reference Libraries and all the Sunday Schools maintain circulating libraries.

The effectiveness of the Library would be greatly increased if it could minister to the foreign population, and if clubs of leaders, among boys and girls could be organized.

HEALTH.

The block census shows that there are most insanitary conditions in that portion of the city which should have the attention of the proper authorities. It is understood that the city has an extensive sewerage project which will mean much in the future in the health of the people and the quarter covered by the block census would thereby be much improved. The overcrowding in some of the houses examined ought also to have the attention of the Health Officer. The city has a non-spitting ordinance which forbids expectoration in the streets, in the street cars and all public buildings, but as usual with this ordinance it is far from being observed or enforced. The city has an abundant supply of pure water, about 2,104,996 gallons being consumed daily.

Smallpox, Chickenpox, Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Measles, Typhoid Fever, Mumps, Tuberculosis, Erysipelas, Cholera and Cerebro Spinal-Meningitis must be reported to the Board of Health. It is required that all cases of Tuberculosis be reported and the house fumigated after the removal of the patients, but the fact that there is a greater number of deaths from the disease than the number reported, is evidence that the order is not being observed.

There being 499 births in the city in 1912, and taking the population as 16,000, the birth-