

There were a good many deaths from typhoid fever in the cities of the Province, Kingston showing an increase of 17 deaths more than in 1902. In towns, such as Sarnia and Sault Ste. Marie there were also a good many deaths from this disease—facts which prove a polluted condition of the potable waters used in these cities and towns. That the mortality from typhoid fever in Ontario was greater in rural districts than in populous centres was shown in 1902, when Algoma, Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River and Thunder Bay—districts to which tourists flock in the summer months—had a typhoid death rate of 0.49 per 1,000 of population, while Toronto in 1902 had a typhoid death rate of 0.14 per 1,000.

The mortality from smallpox increased in 1903, there having been 21 deaths from that disease, as compared with 7 in 1902.

Whooping cough proved fatal in 204 cases. The reduction in deaths from measles was, however, 61.5 per cent.

Scarlatina showed an increase in mortality of 64.2 per cent. over the figures of the preceding year, the increase occurring in the rural districts.

Of the 687 deaths due to diphtheria and "croup," 248 deaths, 34.6 per cent. happened in the cities, being 15 in excess of the mortality from this disease in 1902.

Deaths from influenza increased by 70 per cent. over the rate during 1902, the majority of deaths from this cause occurring in the rural districts.

The maximum of deaths from tuberculosis was reached in Ontario in 1900, when 3,484 deaths from this disease were recorded. Since that year there has been a reduction in the mortality from this disease in Ontario, viz., 3,284 in 1901; 2,694 in 1902; 2,723 in 1903.

Cancer, which includes carcinoma, sarcoma and "malignant growths," caused 1,156 deaths, and of these 534 were males and 622 females. The largest number of deaths from this disease occurred in the age group, 60-69.

The deaths from diseases of the nervous system numbered 3,279, being 11 per cent. of the total deaths for the year.

During 1903, 2,590 persons died of diseases of the circulatory apparatus. The greater number (1,993) are said to have died of "organic heart disease," an increase of 308 deaths, or 18 per