

7. Cases showing a heavy growth of bacilli, on serum at 20 hours, not quite of the Klebs-Loeffler type, should be regarded as suspicious and strictly isolated until their non-diphtherial nature is clear. In order to avoid the conflict between the opinions of the medical attendant and the bacteriologist, it is preferable, when a case diagnosed clinically as non-diphtheritic shows a growth of bacilli, that the further tests of acid production and pathogenes are to be applied, the medical attendant being informed of the suspicious nature of the case and of the necessity of isolation pending more thorough bacteriological study. This would remove a common cause of friction between the medical attendant and the Health Officer, and lead to the more careful study of the doubtful cases.

8. In spite of the use of antitoxin and the great benefits resulting from it, the mortality of diphtheria has greatly increased in Montreal during the past year.

The study of the demographic movement in the Province gives the following results: Birth rate, 39.30 per 1000 inhabitants; marriage rate, 32.76 per 1000 persons of marriagable age, or who were not married; death rate, 21.24 per 1000 inhabitants; 20.46 per 1000 inhabitants (omitting still births).

The proverbial prolificness of the French-Canadian race enables them to occupy a very remarkable position. In the 35 counties where the population is almost exclusively of that nationality, the birth rate assumed the remarkable proportion of 44 per 1000, while in the County of Yamaska it had reached 60 per 1000.

Details of deaths are given as to ages, causes and the counties wherein they occurred.

Canadian Medical Journalism.

With the new year, changes have occurred on the editorial staffs and in the general appearance of several of the Canadian journals. The representative of the Maritime Provinces has been enlarged, is printed on better paper, and contains several interesting articles, as well as the proceedings of the various societies that meet in that part of the country. In Toronto, a new publication, *The Canadian Journal of Medicine and Surgery*, has appeared, making the fifth published in that city. The reasons for its existence are not apparent, the editors having offered no explanation, except that they signify their intention "to devote their energies to the task of bringing out a helpful, and, withal, bright and readable monthly—a digest of some of the best articles in foreign medical journals and an open field for the original articles of Canadian physicians." The selections are well made, the arrangement is good and the printing is excellent. It is