

conform to what experience has shown to be necessary. Some of these reports appear in this issue of the LANCET.

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### CONTAGIONS IN ONTARIO

Ontario is in the grip of an epidemic of measles. Of 3,768 cases of communicable disease reported during May there were 2,264 cases of measles with 45 deaths. Apart from measles the health of the province was little below average, the increase for all other diseases being only 400. A decided improvement is shown in the diphtheria death rate. The disease has been giving a great deal of trouble for some months and in February the death rate was 15.2 per hundred cases. Last month this had dropped to 11.5. There were fewer cases of scarlet fever but more deaths. There were fewer deaths from influenza, influenzal pneumonia and primary pneumonia than in May, 1919.

The doctors of the province are still remiss in notifying the health authorities of cases of venereal disease coming to their notice.

The detailed returns for the month were:

Diseases	May, 1920.		May, 1919.	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Smallpox .....	290	0	92	2
Scarlet fever .....	383	10	391	7
Diphtheria .....	397	46	264	26
Measles .....	2,264	45	34	0
Whooping cough .....	99	12	46	8
Typhoid .....	41	12	18	6
Tuberculosis .....	237	127	233	188
Infantile paralysis .....	1	1	..	..
Cerebro-spinal meningitis .....	8	7	12	11
Influenza .....	48	40	..	..
Influenzal pneumonia .....	..	13	..	355
Primary pneumonia .....	..	293	..	..
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