

action against the city of Montreal, claiming \$10,000 damages on the grounds that she was obliged to cause her son to be vaccinated, that he was vaccinated by medical men employed by the city of Montreal with vaccine supplied by the city, and that owing to alleged negligence and bad quality of the vaccine used her son's health was so seriously and permanently impaired as to prevent him from earning his livelihood. The city denied negligence, and pleaded that the boy was vaccinated with care and skill, and that the vaccine was the best in existence.

VITAL STATISTICS OF TORONTO.

Deaths show an increase of 61 for the month of November, while marriages dropped by 16 and births by 124. The figures are as follows:

	Nov., '15.	Oct., '15.	Nov., '14
Marriages	408	495	424
Deaths	518	455	457
Births	1,039	1,015	1,163
Deaths from contagious diseases:			
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet fever	0	0	1
Diphtheria	3	5	20
Measles	6	4	0
Whooping cough	3	1	0
Typhoid	2	7	2
Tuberculosis	20	22	31
Infantile paralysis	0	0	0
Cerebro spinal meningitis	1	1	0

METHODS OF DEALING WITH DEFECTIVE PUPILS.

Dr. A. MacKay, chief medical officer of the Toronto Board of Education, recently visited New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Cleveland and Rochester, and has reported as follows, as the result of his observations:

1. A careful survey of all classes to find out who are two or three years retarded.
2. Place these pupils in ungraded classes in charge of competent teachers, work taught to be adapted to the pupil.
3. A thoroughly competent psychologist should be appointed to take charge of the work.
4. Every pupil should undergo a thorough physical and mental test. (a) Binet test for children three years behind above nine. (b) Binet test for children three years behind below nine.