

MORTALITY RATE HIGH.

In his report, Dr. Hastings, Medical Officer of Health, says:

“As has been predicted, the general mortality remains somewhat high. The number of deaths from all causes, exclusive of still births, in April was 564, as compared with 537 and 540 in April, 1915, and 1914, and the death rate per thousand population (as per annum) was 15.1, as compared with 13.7 and 13.3 respectively. The difference in the death rates is greater than the death figures would seem to warrant, because April this year had one less registration day than usual, the last day of the month falling on a Sunday.”

General Mortality.

April, 1916.....	564	15.1
April, 1915.....	537	13.7
April, 1914.....	541	13.3

The table of causes of death shows that the increases have occurred chiefly in the diseases of the respiratory system. Pneumonia and broncho-pneumonia head the list, with an increase of 23 deaths, and tuberculosis, including deaths in outside sanatoria, is responsible for an increase of 16.

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