

gent or definite is required in reference to burials being permitted without a certificate of registration, as well as of death. We have before suggested the advisability of dividing the township municipalities into smaller registration sections ; and that it might be well to consider that of enlisting in some way the services of school teachers or trustees in the work, as these have supervision over but small sections of country.

The table, it may be observed, shows that the returns from Toronto and Belleville, and even London and Hamilton, may be regarded as tolerably correct. Much is probably due to the registrars in these cities. St. Catharines returns 32 as non-residents.

Of the total number of deaths returned from the 18 cities and towns, viz. : 1006, nearly 38 per cent., or 383, were of those under one year. The death-rate among young children during the summer quarter in towns and cities is invariably high. This is entirely owing to insanitary environments, and not to warm weather, *per se*. The young need warmth. The totals for the full year of 1877, in Ontario, show a death-rate under one year of 24.1 per cent. But if 38 per cent. is high, what of some of the larger cities : While Hamilton is about the average of the whole—28 per cent.—Toronto returns about 45 per cent., and London 50 per cent. of the deaths as of those under one year. On the other hand, Belleville, from which the returns are full, shows a death-rate, at this age, of only 16 per cent.

The summer death-rate among young children may be regarded as a good index of the sanitary condition of a town or city.

The total death-rate from consumption is below the yearly average, as would be expected, in this quarter ; though Hamilton shows above the yearly average. The returns show a death-rate from diarrhoea of 11.6 per cent. of the totals ; more than double that of the 20 largest cities and towns in Ontario for the full year of 1877.

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