

The conquest of yellow fever is one of the important achievements. In the Canal Zone the first steps were taken; the fever was banished by sanitation. But proper sanitation is an extensive process and is impracticable in sparsely-settled regions. So Dr. Noguchi's discovery comes to give a needful coup de grace to the old villain, yellow fever.

INFLUENZA IN THE NORTH COUNTRY.

The influenza epidemic has struck Elk Lake, Gowganda and Kirkland Lake districts with much vigor during the past week, and while a number of deaths have occurred among the white population of these districts, the greatest number of deaths have occurred among the Indian residents of Elk Lake, where, out of a population of about two dozen, ten have died. Dr. James, of Mattawa, was sent up by the Indian Department to visit the Indians, but owing to a misunderstanding, he did not arrive until eight had died, and two have died since.

SEVEN THOUSAND DEATHS.

There were 7,606 deaths in the city of Toronto in 1918. In 1917 there were 5,597 deaths. The influenza epidemic took a toll of 2,067 lives, the figures showing that the death rate would have been considerably lower than last year had there been no epidemic.

The following table gives the death per month since the outbreak of influenza in October:

	Influenza.	Pneumonia.	Total.
October.	953	424	1,377
November.	261	171	432
December.	152	80	232
January 2.	17	9	26
	<hr/> 1,383	<hr/> 684	<hr/> 2,067

INFLUENZA DEATHS IN ONTARIO.

During the last three months influenza and pneumonia took a toll of 7,158 lives in the Province. In October the death rate was the highest, 3,105 persons succumbing to the malady. In November the number fell to 2,608, while last month there was a further decrease to 1,568, which was only a little over one-half the number reported in October.

"The continued prevalence in some localities would indicate a recurrence of the epidemic," says the monthly report of the Provincial Board of Health, which was issued recently. The cities and towns reporting the greatest number of deaths, including some late returns for November, are as follows: Toronto, 232; Hamilton, 183; London, 26; Sault Ste. Marie,