

ONTARIO VITAL STATISTICS.

The returns issued by the Provincial Board of Health relating to the cases and deaths from communicable diseases reported by the local Boards of Health for the month of May, 1915, show that cases and deaths respectively numbered 1,109 and 126, as compared with 1,434 and 127 in 1914. The following places last month reported smallpox: Toronto, London, Stratford, Port Arthur, Haileybury, Berlin, Cobalt, Rockland, Norwich, South Dumfries, Madoc township, North Walsingham, Windham, Biddulph, Rawdon and Keewatin. The comparative returns are as follows:

Diseases.	1915		1914	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Smallpox	55	0	39	0
Scarlet fever	112	3	275	13
Diphtheria	191	13	183	10
Measles	659	9	691	21
Whooping cough	39	5	96	6
Typhoid fever	24	6	36	9
Tuberculosis	114	31	110	65
Infantile paralysis	0	0	2	0
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	15	9	3	3
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THE ACORN AND THE OAK.

The growth of the Sharp & Dohme drug and pharmaceutical business is one of the best proofs to-day before the world of good methods and good quality. The business had its real origin in 1860 when the partnership was formed that has been so successful. The firm has now large branches in New York, Chicago, New Orleans, St. Louis, Atlanta and Philadelphia. The main department is in Baltimore. The letters "S. & D." stand for quality and purity.

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America has issued a very interesting and instructive booklet on this subject. It contains a good deal of very useful information on health affairs, and is well worthy of careful study. A reading of this booklet will repay well for the trouble.

PRINCE OF WALES FUND.

The Prince of Wales Fund has now reached \$26,650,000. This is only one of many patriotic funds raised in Great Britain, but is the greatest apart from the Red Cross. So far some \$10,525,000 has been distributed for the additional relief of families of soldiers and sailors and in cases of civil distress, which have been much less than at one time