

Referring to the Spanish influenza epidemic, the report states that it does not seem to prevail to the same extent as it did in the earlier months of the epidemic. This statement is substantiated by a marked decrease in the number of deaths reported for January, as compared with the first two months of the epidemic. Last month the deaths totalled 1,514, whereas in October—when the malady was at its worst—the total was 3,015, in November 2,608, and in December 1,568. The returns for January include 400 deaths that occurred during the last two months of 1918, which delinquent undertakers in Toronto, Hamilton and London failed to report. The total number of deaths since 1st October is 8,795.

With the exception of tuberculosis, the report shows that there is a marked falling off in the number of cases and deaths from communicable diseases. Even from that disease there is a decrease of one as compared with the same month of last year. The greatest decrease is in the number of cases of measles and whooping-cough. The large number of deaths from tuberculosis last month, it is said, is due entirely to the more complete returns being made by the undertakers during the last few months. The comparative statement is as follows:

	1919.		1918.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Smallpox . . . . .	37	0	79	0
Scarlet fever . . . . .	206	4	337	7
Diphtheria . . . . .	294	25	394	32
Measles . . . . .	5	0	1013	13
Whooping cough . . . . .	56	6	367	8
Typhoid fever . . . . .	11	2	24	7
Tuberculosis . . . . .	186	156	187	60
Infantile paralysis . . . . .	..	..	4	2
Cerebro-spinal meningitis .	4	4	4	3
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#### DEATH TOLL IN PROVINCE.

The report of the Provincial Board of Health for February shows a decrease in the number of influenza cases. The total deaths from all causes in the Province was 3,331, and of this number 831 were from Spanish influenza and pneumonia, or 24.3 per cent. In Toronto the number of deaths was 129; Hamilton, 24, Sault Ste. Marie, 35, Brantford 18; Ottawa, 57; Sudbury, 27; London, 14; and in Windsor, 15.