

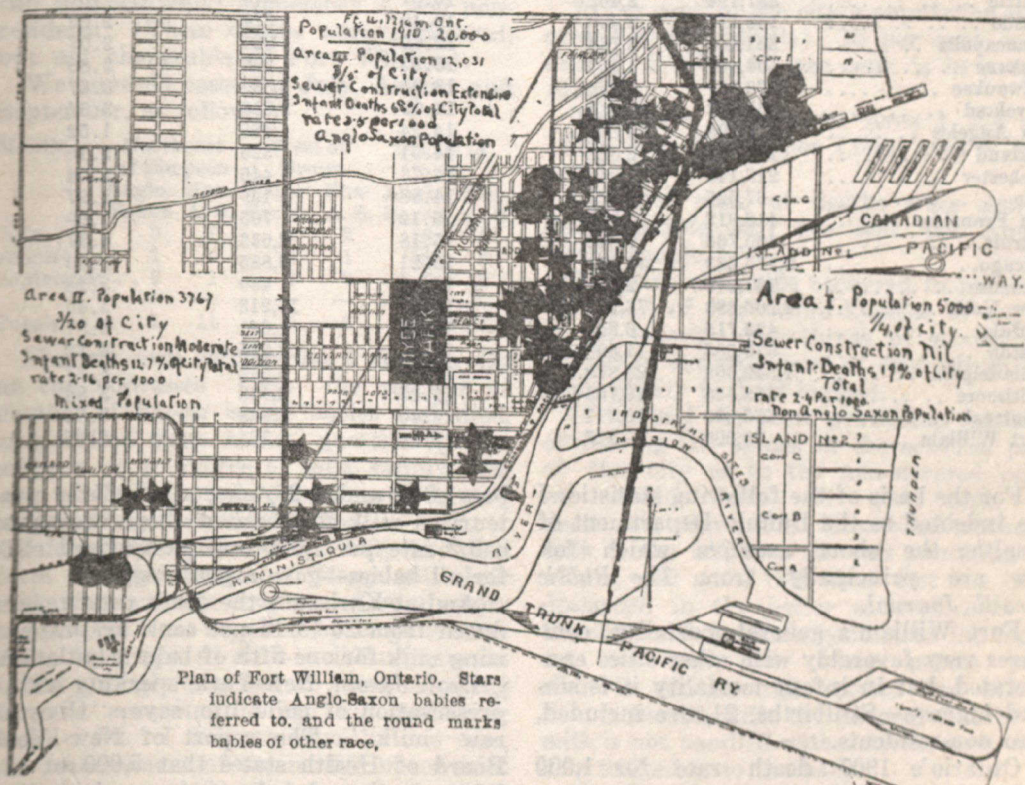
# VITAL STATISTICS PERTAINING TO INFANT MORTALITY

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Last year I assumed the position of Medical Officer of Health of Fort William, and was the only salaried person associated with the Health Department except the nurse in charge of the Isolation Hospital. I at once gained

When the infant mortality suddenly reached such proportions as I shall show you shortly, I found myself and department absolutely helpless to meet the contingency or remedy same at once. From that time on I have endeavored to arm my-



an appropriation from the city and established a laboratory for examination of milk and water, and endeavored to do three things during the year: 1st, "To connect up as many houses with public sewers as possible." 2nd, "Inspect and improve facilities for care of milk." 3rd, "Watch the handling of fresh meats."

self with more effective machinery and more help. I drafted a compulsory sewer connecting by-law which gives the city power to cause unconnected houses to be vacated until connected and permits the city to do the connecting.

I had a milk by-law prepared taking every power to ourselves as a city, that

Read at banquet given by his Worship Mayor Young "to all those who are actively associated with infants." June 7th, 1911.