

the Agricultural College, and by your secretary, fortunately prevented the extension of what seemed at one time a very serious danger. Through the action taken, the College term was continued without any serious interruption, and the business of the community was only temporarily disturbed. The outbreak illustrates, however, the necessity for this Board notifying all public institutions of the Province to adopt systematic measures for the regular vaccination of inmates. The danger in such institutions here is accentuated by similar outbreaks in Yale University and at Storrs Agricultural College, Connecticut. The Province is now free from a single case of small-pox, and a very considerable number of persons in every district where the disease has been have been vaccinated."

Diphtheria.—While the disease has prevailed to a notable degree throughout the winter, there have been evidences of a general lessening of its prevalence throughout the Province, both from report of local outbreaks and in the demand for diphtheria antitoxine. Thus, in December there were 40 orders sent out; in January there were 57 orders sent out; in February there were 46 orders sent out, and in March there were 38 orders sent out.

While the results of the use of antitoxine have, according to such reports as have been received, continued to be very satisfactory, it must again be stated that the Board has not been favored, except to a very partial extent, with a return of the blank form for reports, sent out with every bottle, filled in with details of results. This is even more regrettable than the

statement of receipts of payments for antitoxine forwarded. As stated before, it has been supplied at the New York cost price to practitioners throughout the Province, and always perfectly fresh. Under such circumstances, it would have been thought that remittances for the favor of the Board would have been prompt.

A statement regarding the amount of antitoxine was presented.

Scarlatina.—The correspondence from many parts of the Province which is presented shows, however, a general dissemination of outbreaks of scarlatina. They do not seem to be of a high degree of virulence, but, as the reports show, there is everywhere a percentage of deaths. The immunity of the Province from the disease during the past ten years has before been remarked upon; but there can be no doubt of the increased incidence of the disease during the past two years. Thus the mortality in the 12 cities from scarlatina in 1892 was 99, and in 1893, 146. The returns for 1894 are not yet complete, but it is probable that the rate throughout the Province will have exceeded that of 1893. Thus the cities had 116 for 1894.

Diphtheria and scarlet fever in cities in 1894 :

Cities.	Diphtheria.	Scarlet Fever.
Toronto	103	60
Hamilton	68	2
Ottawa	70	23
London	48	1
Kingston	5	..
Brantford	5	23
Guelph	2	3
St. Thomas	1	1
St. Catharines	4	2
Stratford	1	1
Belleville	1	..
Windsor
Total	307	116