

MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL NEWS

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF TORONTO SCHOOLS!

That Toronto's Public school medical inspection system is doing rather thorough work is indicated by the report for November, as published recently.

The figures tell their own story:

Total number of exclusions for contagious disease, 173.

Total number of exclusions for exposure to contagious disease, 128.

Total number of exclusions for suspected contagious disease, 43.

Total number of exclusions, 344.

Number of examinations of school buildings, 3.

Number of consultations with parents, 91.

Number of cultures taken, 96.

Number of home visits, 118.

Number of school visits, 1,432.

The dental inspector took 49 teeth out of the mouths of 23 children at Jesse Ketchum school.

The school nurses made twice as many visits to houses as to the schools. They visited houses 3,031 times, to 1,509 school visits. They excluded 63 pupils from school as suspects, and gave a total of 4,158 treatments.

BIRTH RATE.

People thought that Germany had but to sit tight and hold on and France, in perhaps a couple of generations, would cease to be a menace. The falling birth rate in France was expected to take care of any danger from her.

But the official statistics of the medical department of the Prussian Ministry of the Interior that have just been made public shed an entirely new and alarming light on the matter as far as Germany is concerned. So much so that the Government has decreed a thorough investigation into the causes that are responsible for the decline in the birth rate and the methods by which it may be restored to normality.

The figures made public show that while in 1875 the births in the German Empire were 42.6 for every 1,000 of the population, in 1910 they had fallen to barely 31 per 1,000. That the conditions were still worse in 1911 may be inferred from the fact that in that year in the Kingdom of Prussia there were 34,000 less births than in 1910, 65,000 less than in 1909, and 86,000 less than in 1908.