

mortality for the period of twelve months has been 20.21 per 1000 or 4.56 less than the mean rate for the preceding 18 years. 3.04 per 1000 and 2.37 per 1000 less than in 1901 and 1902 respectively. Tuberculosis caused fewer deaths than in the years immediately preceding. Before 1900 the deaths numbered 692; 1901, 647; in 1902, 644; and in 1903 only 633. Two deaths were caused by smallpox or eight less than in 1902. In this connection the health officer shows that out of 90 cases of smallpox in the city not one person suffered from the disease who had been vaccinated during the past five years, and he stated that the civic officials who were going around the schools vaccinating, were now meeting with no opposition; whereas two years ago over a thousand scholars refused to attend school because they had to submit to vaccination. The following interesting table was appended to the report:

	90
Vaccinated since five years	0
Vaccinated some years ago.....	13
Unvaccinated.....	77
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Measles caused 77 deaths or 7 less than last year; 24 by scarlatina or 40 less than in 1902, 21 less than 1901 and 108 less than 1900. Diphtheria and diarrhoea cannot be compared with previous years on account of their having been classified according to the new international system. Typhoid fever caused a mortality of 90, or 4 more than in 1902 and 40 less than in 1901, and 30 less than in 1900. Bronchitis 224 deaths, or 6 more than in 1902; pneumonia 528 or 16 less than in 1902.

The total birth rate for 1903 was 36.08 per 1000. French Canadians 43.64 per 1000; other Catholics 30.69, and Protestants 20.52; that is .43 per 1000 higher than in 1902 and 3.54 higher than in 1901.

The marriage rate was 10.16 per 1000 or an increase of .94 over the rate in 1902 and 2.01 over that for 1901.

The Hotel Dieu has recently been presented with a new ambulance of the most modern type, fitted with every contrivance which the most expert makers have considered useful in connection with such a vehicle. It is the gift of a number of citizens of all races and creeds, who have subscribed generously to the appeal of Mrs. J. G. H. Bergeron, and is considered by many who have seen it as being the finest hospital ambulance in America.

Dr. Geo. Armstrong who has been ill for several weeks past has again been able to resume his duties at the General Hospital.