

In Canada in 1911 there were 100 males to every 74 females incapacitated through blindness.

In 1901 there were 6,165 blind persons per 10,000 of population. In 1911 the proportion had fallen to 4,493 per 10,000.

Deaf and dumb persons constituted 11,608 per 10,000 of population in 1901. The proportion in 1911 was 6,361.

In every 10,000 of the population of 1901 there were 31,014 insane and idiotic persons. The proportion fell to 28,847 in the year 1911.

There has been an increase in actual numbers and in proportion of the population of unsound mind in every Province excepting New Brunswick. The highest proportion is shown by Prince Edward Island, with 41.717 per 10,000 of the population, followed by Ontario with 34.998, Nova Scotia with 33.615, and Quebec with 32.443 per 10,000.

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## MEDICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC.

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### ACUTE PROSTATITIS: SANMETTO.

In the treatment of acute prostatitis salicylic acid internally in five-grain doses, and sanmetto in teaspoonful doses tends to diminish the source of infection, reduce the existing inflammation, and encourage resolution. The sanmetto being a mild, soothing resolvent diuretic also tends to allay the suffering of patient. If the urine is acid citrate of potassium in ten-grain doses will aid in relieving irritation and tenesmus. As further measures for reducing inflammation, light diet, absolute rest in bed, free movement of the bowels, and local application of heat by means of sitz baths, or hot water bag, should be enjoined. If the sanmetto is kept up urinary retention is not likely to supervene, unless there is a previously hypertrophied prostate; in that case the bladder should be emptied by a soft catheter at intervals, still keeping up the use of sanmetto. The prostate should not be massaged during the inflammatory state, but during the period of resolution massage will aid the process.

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### A SYSTEMIC BOOST.

It is safe to say that the average physician is called upon to prescribe a tonic more frequently than any one other form of medication, unless it be a cathartic. Patients who are patients solely because they are tired, "run down" and generally debilitated, are constant visitors at the physician's office. Such individuals need something that will