

Deaths of illegitimate children.

total number of deaths of illegitimate children returned was 1,146, but with the exception of those from Montreal Quebec and Ottawa, the figures are far too wide of the mark to be of any value. Owing to the natural desire for concealment on the part of the parents, the difficulty of obtaining accurate returns of this class of deaths is excessive. Out of the above number, no less than 1,080 or 94.24 per cent. were under one year of age. The number of cases of children still-born returned was 756. The number of deaths recorded from suicide was 31, viz., 22 males and 9 females, the number returned in 1885 from 19 cities, was 21. The above number of suicides were divided among 12 out of the 22 cities, the largest number, viz., 9, being from Toronto.

Deaths from suicide.

Deaths from most fatal diseases.

151. The following table gives the number of deaths from eight most fatal diseases in the 22 cities making returns in 1886 :—

DEATHS FROM THE MOST FATAL DISEASES—1886.

CITIES.	Atrophy and debility.	Diarrhoeal.	Lung diseases.	Phthisis.	Cerebro-spinal affections.	Diphtheria.	Throat affections.	Diseases of heart and blood vessels.
Montreal .....	1,014	687	465	486	341	235	200	216
Toronto .....	255	177	351	236	127	184	111	127
Quebec .....	235	257	164	182	244	118	129	76
Hamilton .....	68	79	98	96	51	76	21	48
Halifax .....	39	57	102	95	47	39	56	47
Winnipeg .....	15	65	51	30	21	23	19	14
Ottawa .....	40	248	83	62	30	46	28	27
St. John, N.B. ....	70	45	79	107	17	59	17	17
London .....	19	24	69	57	28	27	14	34
St. Thomas .....	3	19	16	17	10	14	12	6
Kingston .....	42	13	27	43	8	8	22	16
Charlottetown .....	10	4	19	36	12	.....	8	11
Guelph .....	29	8	22	16	6	6	4	17
Bellefleur .....	12	5	17	20	10	2	5	11
Three Rivers .....	37	25	18	27	10	31	6	8
Sherbrooke .....	26	28	23	24	11	6	13	7
Chatham, Ont. ....	8	5	21	18	4	9	9	6
Peterborough .....	11	12	22	18	14	17	2	9
Sorel .....	1	30	9	20	21	40	52	7
Fredericton .....	4	11	18	13	5	27	15	8
St. Hyacinthe .....	64	10	16	22	9	17	2	9
Galt .....	3	13	21	13	3	4	11	6
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>727</b>