

Mortality by Cause.—In Table 15 are shown the deaths in the registration area in 1921 to 1923 by twenty leading causes. In all years diseases of the heart headed the list with a significant increase to 7,471 in 1923. Pneumonia came second with 8.9 p.c. in 1923, cancer in third place with 7.4 p.c. in 1923, and tuberculosis in fourth place with 6.8 p.c. While a comparison covering only three consecutive years must be considered as of a very tentative nature, the increase in heart disease to 10.7 p.c. of the total must be regarded as very significant, especially since similar increases are occurring in other countries. On the other hand, the decline in tuberculosis must be considered as altogether satisfactory.

15.—Deaths in the Registration Area of Canada from Twenty Leading Causes, 1921-1923.

Causes of Death.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total.
1921.									
Diseases of heart.....	96	563	420	3,394	429	339	308	472	6,021
Pneumonia.....	97	505	500	3,005	563	498	446	352	5,966
Cancer.....	77	480	279	2,585	427	309	281	388	4,826
Tuberculosis, lungs.....	112	579	344	1,731	305	256	260	316	3,903
Tuberculosis, other organs.....	16	123	69	352	115	66	53	92	886
Premature birth.....	20	195	141	1,630	330	460	310	164	3,250
Diarrhoea and enteritis.....	42	241	295	1,619	377	326	243	75	3,218
Senility.....	126	614	389	1,404	82	136	98	65	2,914
Cerebral haemorrhage, apoplexy.....	47	211	175	1,553	177	143	97	197	2,600
Diseases of arteries.....	15	161	88	1,824	127	99	84	157	2,555
Congenital debility.....	27	291	149	1,029	185	247	252	85	2,265
Nephritis.....	44	196	126	1,145	116	140	111	163	2,041
Diphtheria.....	16	63	56	653	148	172	156	33	1,297
Influenza.....	20	70	84	509	57	69	67	64	940
Bronchitis.....	15	87	46	510	71	83	47	46	905
Congenital malformations.....	9	49	35	493	81	90	60	45	862
Paralysis.....	36	144	96	382	52	18	48	33	809
Appendicitis.....	11	56	47	344	72	123	107	56	816
Anaemia chlorosis.....	9	44	37	511	34	34	31	35	735
Drowning.....	6	39	30	358	54	47	33	111	678
All other causes.....	368	1,709	2,004	9,520	1,586	1,941	1,848	1,259	20,235
Total.....	1,209	6,420	5,410	34,551	5,388	5,596	4,940	4,208	67,722
1922.									
Diseases of heart.....	116	584	491	3,756	442	371	320	542	6,622
Pneumonia.....	107	664	484	3,137	561	551	454	441	6,399
Cancer.....	86	539	322	2,609	446	349	322	445	5,118
Tuberculosis, lungs.....	97	562	355	1,631	307	256	245	417	3,870
Tuberculosis, other organs.....	15	133	63	348	69	86	67	90	871
Premature birth.....	20	233	188	1,676	368	454	375	193	3,507
Diarrhoea and enteritis.....	23	165	207	1,114	521	428	271	114	2,843
Senility.....	145	571	340	1,268	83	161	86	105	2,759
Cerebral haemorrhage, apoplexy.....	45	279	170	1,587	168	109	90	150	2,598
Diseases of arteries.....	21	140	111	2,051	157	128	126	155	2,889
Congenital debility.....	29	218	170	876	172	263	153	88	1,969
Nephritis.....	34	211	134	1,102	179	165	128	160	2,113
Diphtheria.....	9	45	44	411	150	201	141	23	1,024
Influenza.....	24	219	196	960	183	297	280	241	2,400
Bronchitis.....	13	95	39	446	73	56	85	44	851
Congenital malformations.....	3	55	33	492	94	103	73	55	908
Paralysis.....	22	117	100	368	37	25	27	43	739
Appendicitis.....	4	57	39	331	89	126	126	68	840
Anaemia chlorosis.....	13	46	31	527	50	32	33	48	780
Diabetes mellitus.....	8	52	45	370	58	44	56	74	707
All other causes.....	279	1,694	1,596	8,974	1,547	1,914	1,806	1,411	19,221
Total.....	1,113	6,679	5,158	34,034	5,754	6,119	5,264	4,907	63,028