

## CAUSES OF DEATH—concluded.

Convulsions (under 5 years).....	448
Maternal mortality.....	939
Senility.....	2,545
Cerebral hæmorrhage.....	2,356
Influenza.....	1,312
Nephritis.....	2,662
Diphtheria.....	829
Bronchitis.....	441
Appendicitis.....	930
Anæmia chlorosis.....	811
Paralysis.....	702
Diabetes mellitus.....	634
All other causes.....	17,444
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>65,682</b>

Especially notable are the declines from 1923 in influenza, pneumonia, tuberculosis of the lungs, diabetes mellitus, bronchitis, diseases of the heart and senility. On the other hand, deaths from cancer, diseases of the arteries, congenital malformations, nephritis, appendicitis and anæmia chlorosis show increases as compared with the previous year.

Attention may be drawn to the decline in the number of deaths from ill-defined diseases as showing the increasing accuracy of diagnoses and of the resulting statistics. (Table 23).

## 23.—Deaths in the Registration Area of Canada, by Principal Causes, 1921-1923.

Int. list No. <sup>1</sup>	Causes of Death.	1921.	1922.	1923.
1	Typhoid fever.....	501	419	480
10	Diphtheria.....	1,297	1,024	851
11	Influenza.....	940	2,400	3,578
31	Tuberculosis, lungs.....	3,903	3,870	3,959
32-37	Tuberculosis, other organs.....	886	871	859
43-49	Cancer.....	4,826	5,118	5,157
57	Diabetes mellitus.....	611	707	722
58	Anæmia chlorosis.....	735	780	756
71	Meningitis.....	592	328	287
74	Cerebral hæmorrhage, apoplexy.....	2,600	2,598	2,467
75-76	Paralysis.....	809	739	698
80	Infantile convulsions (under 5 yrs).....	614	599	477
87-90	Diseases of the heart.....	6,021	6,622	7,491
91	Diseases of the arteries.....	2,555	2,889	3,165
99	Bronchitis.....	905	851	751
100-101	Pneumonia.....	5,966	6,399	6,237
113-114	Diarrhœa and enteritis.....	3,218	2,843	2,061
117	Appendicitis.....	816	840	843
118	Hernia, intestinal obstruction.....	568	634	615
128-129	Nephritis.....	2,041	2,113	2,472
135	Diseases of the prostate.....	304	319	375
159	Congenital malformations.....	862	908	990
160-163	Diseases of early infancy.....	6,090	6,169	5,730
164	Senility (old age).....	2,914	2,759	2,918
165-174	Suicides.....	431	437	538
175-203	Violent deaths (suicides excepted).....	3,666	3,647	3,833
	Other specified causes.....	10,983	10,413	10,650
	<b>Total specified causes.....</b>	<b>65,654</b>	<b>67,346</b>	<b>68,960</b>
204-205	Ill-defined diseases.....	2,068	1,682	1,222
	<b>Total Deaths.....</b>	<b>67,722</b>	<b>69,028</b>	<b>70,182</b>

<sup>1</sup> The numbers given in this column refer to the International List of Causes of Death, as revised by the International Commission on the Classification of Diseases and Causes of Death in 1920. This classification is accepted in almost all civilized countries.