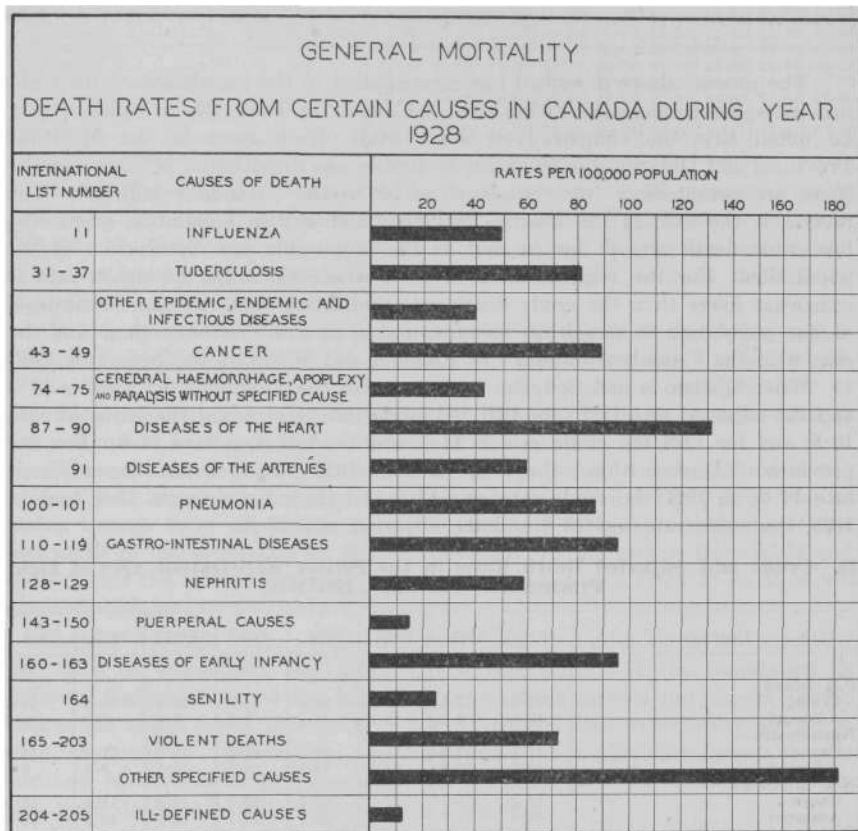


Causes of Death.—More than 85 p.c. of all deaths recorded in the registration area in the years 1926 to 1929 were due to the 30 causes of death specified in Tables 24 and 25. Attention may be drawn to the decline in the number of deaths from ill-defined diseases as showing the increasing accuracy of diagnoses and of the resulting statistics (Table 24).



Deaths in 1929 showed a considerable increase over any of the years from 1926 to 1928. There were 4,393 more deaths in 1929 than in 1928, influenza showing the largest increase with 2,465. Deaths from diseases of the heart increased by 573, deaths from diseases of the arteries by 293 and deaths from cancer by 279. Suicides increased by 83 and violent deaths other than suicides by 128 as compared with 1928.

In the former registration area, suicides have increased from 431 in 1921 to 724 in 1929, and other violent deaths from 3,666 in 1921 to 4,870 in 1929.