

The following statement, based on the same study of illness in the Civil Service, shows the percentage of days of illness accounted for by a few selected causes in various age groups:—

## PERCENTAGE OF DAYS OF ILLNESS BY SELECTED CAUSES AND BY AGE GROUP

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Age Group—</u>		
	<u>Under 35</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50 or over</u>
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
ALL CAUSES.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Infective and parasitic diseases.....	13.5	9.2	4.3
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	25.1	22.2	18.4
Neoplasms.....	2.2	4.1	4.3
Diseases of the circulatory system.....	3.6	6.7	17.8

The following statements are based on the study of visiting home nursing services of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, 1954.

## PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF NURSING SERVICES OF MEDICAL CASES BY AGE GROUP AND LENGTH OF NURSING SERVICE

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Length of Nursing Service—</u>			
		<u>1-7 Days</u>	<u>8-30 Days</u>	<u>1 Month and Under 3 Months</u>	<u>3 Months or Over</u>
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Under 15.....	100.0	67.6	22.7	6.3	3.4
15-24.....	100.0	45.5	23.5	17.4	13.6
25-44.....	100.0	41.2	25.9	17.7	15.2
45-64.....	100.0	39.7	24.6	14.4	21.3
65-74.....	100.0	35.2	23.4	15.5	25.9
75 or over.....	100.0	35.2	22.6	14.4	27.8

## AVERAGE VISITS PER MEDICAL CASE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION PER MEDICAL CASE AND VISIT BY AGE GROUP

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Average No. of Visits per Case</u>	<u>P.C. of Cases</u>	<u>P.C. of Visits per Case</u>
Under 15.....	3.3	16.5	4.0
15-44.....	9.4	16.7	11.3
45-64.....	16.5	19.1	22.5
65 or over.....	18.3	47.1	61.7

**Notifiable Diseases.**—The method of collecting notifiable disease statistics has been outlined in the 1955 Year Book, pp. 246-247, and numbers of cases and rates per 100,000 population of selected notifiable diseases are reported on pp. 248-249 of the same edition.

The number of reported cases of certain notifiable diseases has been decreasing fairly steadily in recent years, including the year 1955. These diseases are: diphtheria, erysipelas, smallpox, tuberculosis, typhoid and paratyphoid fevers, and venereal diseases. The year 1954 was free from major epidemics.