

The next table shows the number of deaths from each principal cause for the five years 1905-9, and the proportion per 10,000 of the population.

Cause.	Number of Deaths.					Proportion of 10,000 of Mean Population.				
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.
Typhoid fever	45	48	53	90	55	0.52	0.54	0.58	0.95	0.57
Measles	8	12	101	19	26	0.09	0.13	1.10	0.20	0.27
Scarlet fever	10	18	25	60	26	0.11	0.20	0.27	0.63	0.27
Whooping-cough	3	26	307	42	41	0.03	0.29	3.34	0.44	0.42
Influenza	70	132	223	64	47	0.80	1.47	2.43	0.68	0.48
Tuberculosis of the lungs ..	496	556	612	607	588	5.70	6.21	6.66	6.42	6.05
Other forms of tuberculosis	182	164	244	232	212	2.10	1.83	2.65	2.45	2.18
Cancer	566	623	674	657	711	6.51	6.96	7.33	6.95	7.32
Diabetes	79	104	87	100	104	0.91	1.16	0.95	1.06	1.07
Simple meningitis	119	138	130	136	131	1.37	1.54	1.41	1.44	1.35
Convulsions of children under 5 years of age	116	106	104	96	131	1.33	1.18	1.13	1.02	1.35
Apoplexy	299	272	330	341	316	3.44	3.04	3.59	3.61	3.25
Pneumonia	425	444	572	453	458	4.89	4.96	6.22	4.80	4.71
Gastritis and enteritis	379	335	518	478	362	4.36	3.74	5.64	5.06	3.73
Diarrhoeal diseases	128	97	314	198	102	1.47	1.08	3.42	2.20	1.05
Cirrhosis of liver	40	44	42	52	47	0.46	0.49	0.46	0.55	0.48
Appendicitis	53	69	86	81	66	0.61	0.77	0.93	0.86	0.68
Bright's disease and acute nephritis	242	241	268	263	261	2.79	2.69	2.92	2.78	2.69
Violence, suicide	89	83	102	103	118	1.02	0.93	1.11	1.09	1.21
„ accident	525	575	611	570	660	6.03	6.42	6.65	6.03	6.79
Other causes	4,187	4,252	4,663	4,401	4,497	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	8,061	8,339	10,066	9,043	8,959	92.66	93.11	109.52	95.69	92.19

TYPHOID FEVER.

Deaths from this cause numbered 55 in 1909, against 90 in the previous year, the average for five years being 58.

MEASLES.

There was an outbreak of this complaint in 1907, causing 101 deaths. In 1909 only 26 deaths were recorded.

SCARLET FEVER.

The number of deaths from scarlet fever in 1909 was 26. The average annual mortality for the ten years 1900-9 was 35.

WHOOPING-COUGH.

There were 41 deaths in 1909, 42 in 1908, 307 in 1907, and 26 in 1906.

INFLUENZA.

This was less prevalent in 1909 than in any other year of the period shown, only 47 deaths being recorded.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Deaths from phthisis numbered 588 or 6.05 per 10,000 of the population, against 607 deaths or 6.42 per 10,000 in 1908, and 612 deaths or 6.66 per 10,000 in 1907. The average for the past ten years was 582, or 6.8 per 10,000.

Year.	Deaths from Phthisis.	Rate per 10,000.	Year.	Deaths from Phthisis.	Rate per 10,000.
1900	577	7.56	1905	496	5.70
1901	596	7.66	1906	556	6.21
1902	617	7.73	1907	612	6.66
1903	570	6.95	1908	607	6.42
1904	598	7.08	1909	588	6.05

Reference to the following table will show that 340 persons known to have been born in the Dominion died during 1909 from phthisis, a proportion of 5.58 per 10,000 of the estimated native-born white population, and 163 persons resident for fifteen years or over succumbed to the disease.