Sputum examination from influenza patients during October, 1918 [a]

[Total examinations, 729 organisms]

	Number	Per cent
B. influenzæ	315	43.2
Hemolytic streptococcus	39	5.3
Nonhemolytic streptococcus	309	42.3
Pneumococcus:		
Type I	7	[b] 13.4
Type II	2	[b] 3.8
Type III	3	[b] 5.7
Group IV	40	[b] 76.9
Unsuitable for typing	447	61.3
Total	499	68.4
Staphylococcus	191	26.2
M. catarrhalis	99	13.5
M. tetragenus	5	0.7

[a] In the great majority of instances these sputums were unsuitable for type determination, being thin and unwashable. Also they were taken in such quantities and in so brief a time that with the force at our command we could only select the best specimens which showed as nearly as possible pure culture.

[b] Of those typed.