

Editorials.

TYPHOID FEVER

It may be that we attach too much importance, relatively speaking, to tainted water as a cause of typhoid fever. It is, of course, true that we consider impure milk a frequent cause.

In a somewhat serious epidemic, which occurred in the spring and early summer of this year in Budapest, Hungary, on careful examination it was proved conclusively that the epidemic was not due to the condition of the water. In a certain proportion of cases the disease was caused by contaminated milk, imported into the city from certain outlying districts. In a certain proportion of cases the disease was caused by the consumption of contaminated fruit, butter and soft cheese. Investigation showed a somewhat remarkable, as well as very dangerous, condition in a part of the food supply. Out of 200 samples of food taken from as many retail dealers, 60 were found to be unfit for consumption. Perhaps it is hardly realized in our own country that a large portion of the beautiful fruit placed on our tables for ordinary consumption has passed through the hands of individuals who, to express the matter very mildly, are not scrupulously clean.

THE VAGARIES OF FIBROMYMATOUS TUMORS

In response to a special invitation, Dr. James F. W. Ross, of Toronto, read a paper on the "Vagaries of Fibromyomatous Tumors" before the Brant County Medical Association in March last.

Dr. J. A. Marquis wrote to one of our Editors, stating that "It would be gratifying to the members of our Society to have it printed in the CANADIAN PRACTITIONER AND REVIEW." He also sent the paper by the same mail.