

Meetings and Reports

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DOMESTIC

Domestic Notes.

For some time past there has been a feeling in University medical circles that something should be done to keep graduates in touch with the work being carried on by the University staff in the various hospitals and laboratories connected with the University. *The University of Toronto Medical Bulletin* is the outcome of the desire of the Faculty of Medicine to meet the wish so expressed. The periodical will be issued four times a year, and its columns will be devoted largely to clinical and laboratory investigations, as well as to special problems of research. The editors hope that it may prove an inspiration, not only to those who receive it, but also to those who, from time to time, publish the records of their labors in its pages. The first number was received in July.

The first National Town Planning Congress was held in Winnipeg, 15th to 17th July. The arrangements called for three morning sessions, leaving the afternoons open for visiting the Annual Industrial Exhibition. Many valuable papers were read, which will be noticed later in this journal.

Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, Chief Officer of Health for Ontario, has prepared circulars, dealing with flies, mosquitoes and improper sewage, for distribution throughout the province. The question of sewage disposal in the country is a serious one, and a campaign of education is being instituted to make the farmer and the residents of small towns and villages understand the importance of protecting their water supply. The information for distribution points out the law and outlines the means by which sewage can be properly disposed of.

For some years past the Grosse Isle quarantine station has been in a bad state,

the buildings being delapidated or unsuited for the purpose. The Government has decided to improve conditions and a new hospital will be erected and the improvements made without delay.

A Heenan Destructor is to be installed in the new Toronto General Hospital, the Toronto Hospital being the first in Canada to adopt this advanced method of dealing with their refuse.

Advance Notices, Alphabetical.

Canadian Medical Association, annual meeting, Edmonton, Alta., August 10th to 14th, 1912. E. W. Archibald, M.D., General Secretary. This will be the 45th annual meeting. It is expected that the first day, being Saturday, will be devoted to business. The scientific part of the programme will begin on Monday and occupy three days—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. At the conclusion of the meeting the G. T. P. offers an excursion to the famous Yellow Head Pass. While it was at first thought that one day of the meeting should be spent in Calgary, that idea has been abandoned. A visit to Calgary may precede or follow the meeting in Edmonton. Everything goes to show that a splendid programme of papers will be ready, and the proverbial hospitality of the West is shown in the numerous arrangements already made for the amusement and the comfort of the visiting members. As to the railway rates, the Standard Convention Certificate Plan will be in force from all points in Canada, that is, the rate will be single fare plus 25 cents for the return trip. Members are urged to ask from their local station agent for the Standard Convention Certificate which will be honored for ticket for return trip. It is necessary that a certain number of certificates be secured before the rate can be valid. It would be wise also to secure sleeping car reservations early. Those members who desire to go on to the coast, or return by one of the United States routes can secure summer tourist rates which are very low. The meeting in Edmonton offers an excellent opportunity to men in the East of seeing the West economically and at one of the most favorable times of the year.

Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, August 24th to September 9th, inclusive, 1912.

Canadian Public Health Association 1912 Congress, Toronto, September 16th, 17th and 18th, inclusive, Charles J. C. O. Hastings, M.D., M.H.O., City Hall, Chairman; T. Aird Murray, M.C.S.C.E., Lumsden Building; Duncan Anderson, M.D., 28 Wellesley St., and Dr. Helen MacMurchy, 133