

Dr. Alfred Carpenter before the Parliamentary Bills Committee in commenting upon the returns in cities where notification of disease had been carried on, stated, "That where dual notification of disease had been in existence for a certain number of years, there had been a decided decrease in the amount of zymotic disease; that the death rate had gone down, and that as a result of these facts the system should be made compulsory over the whole country."

The Montreal Health Department is an important body, judging by the estimates submitted by Dr. Laberge, the Medical Health Officer for 1888:

Salaries.....	\$16,632 00
Scavenging contract.....	44,387 08
Carbonization of night soil.....	8,623 64
Vaccination.....	1,200 00
Vaccine.....	300 00
Uniforms.....	550 00
Disinfectants.....	700 00
Maintenance of baths.....	500 00
Reports of births.....	400 00
Sheltering home.....	150 00
Horse keep and vehicle hire.....	1,250 00
Contingencies.....	400 00
Maintenance of Hospital.....	1,500 00
Collecting dead animals.....	500 00
Food inspection.....	800 00
Sanitary Architect's salary.....	800 00

Total.....\$77,592 72

Last year the expenditure was \$75,454.

Dr. J. B. Russell, Medical Health Officer, Glasgow, has just issued a report on the outbreak of scarlatina at Garnet Hill. Of ninety-five cases in all, he found that all had obtained milk from one dairy. All had occurred after March 15th. It appears that the son of the farmer who brought the milk to the city was seized with first symptoms on March 23rd, and the byreman on the 24th was seized with sore throat. Did they get it from the cows was the question? Two cows were found with sore teats; one a miserable beast, the other in good condition. The law preventing inoculation experiments limited the range of enquiry; but Dr. Russell states that a calf fed with the milk was almost at once seized with a highly febrile illness, which nearly killed it, it slowly recovering with loss of hair and copious casting of skin.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of Medical Health officers, and of all our other readers interested in sanitary matters, to the notice of

the Sanitary Convention which is to be held in Lindsay in August. The following is a copy of the preliminary announcement:—

"Dear Dr.,—The invitation of the Mayor and Council of the town of Lindsay having been accepted at the Toronto meeting of the Association of Executive Health Officers, it has been decided that a Sanitary Convention will be held in Lindsay on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 14th, 15th and 16th of August, 1888. Will you kindly inform me at earliest convenience if you will be present and the subject of the paper you will present for insertion in preliminary programme, which will be shortly issued. I have every hope of a largely attended and very successful meeting. Arrangements have been made with the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways by which parties signifying a desire to attend will be provided with certificates at a fare-and-a-third upon making application to P. PALMÉR BURROWS, Pres. Executive Association Health Officers. Passes to Sturgeon Point Hotel will be presented to delegates. Morning and evening boats connect with Lindsay. A citizens' excursion to Sturgeon Point and banquet to those attending convention will also be arranged. Sturgeon Point is already a favorite summer resort for tourists and health seekers. It is situated on Sturgeon Lake, twelve miles from Lindsay. Good fishing in the vicinity and excellent accommodation at the hotel."

Dr. Ralph Stockman, of the Materia Medica Department, now of Edinburgh, has been appointed Research Scholar of the British Medical Association. He has laid out several important lines along which to continue research. He has studied in the laboratories of Schmedeberg and Hoppe-Seyler.

The following is *apropos* of the recent outbreak of small-pox in London:—

To vaccinate or not? That is the question,  
Whether 'tis better for a man to suffer  
The painful pangs and lasting marks of small-pox,  
Or to bare arms before the surgeon's lance,  
And, by being vaccinated, end them? Yes,  
To feel the tiny point, and say we end  
The chance of many a thousand scars,  
That flesh is heir to, 'tis a communication  
Devoutly to be wished. Ah! soft you no,  
The vaccination! Sir, upon your rounds,  
Be my poor arms remembered.

—Punch.