

spread by the agency of milk from any of such dairies or milkshops, the Local Authority should be empowered to prohibit the sale or distribution of milk to any member of the community resident within their jurisdiction.

6. On the certificate of a veterinary surgeon or medical officer of health, that any cow or cows affected with tuberculosis, scarlet or other fever, which in his opinion is likely to contaminate the milk of said cow or cows, the sanitary inspector be empowered to prohibit the sale of such milk.

7. Power to sanitary officers and police to detain any cart used for the sale of milk from a prohibited dairy.

8. Power to Local Authority to obtain at any time from dairies and purveyors of milk accurate and complete lists of farms from whom they receive their milk supplies, and the customers to whom such or their own cow's milk may be delivered, also the daily quantities bought and sold by them.

9. Whenever the sanitary inspector of a rural Local Authority becomes aware of a case of infectious disease being in a farm or dairy, he shall immediately communicate such fact to the sanitary inspector of such district or burgh as is to his knowledge receiving milk from such farm or dairy.

10. Power should be given to every Local Authority to prevent the open communication of milkshops and sleeping apartments.

11. Every dairyman and milk seller in all burghs, prior to receiving any milk from rural dairy, for sale within such burgh, shall obtain a written certificate from the rural Local Authority, that the drainage, water supply, ventilation, and general arrangements of such dairy are satisfactory, which the said Local Authority shall be bound to supply.

12. Any dairyman or purveyor of milk to whom a certificate of registration has been given who removes from his registered premises shall, within seven days next after such removal, give notice in writing thereof to the sanitary inspector.

13. (The following clause has been framed and added as being suggested at the Con-

ference held on the 7th of Feb. in the Govan Parochial Chambers.) Such milk-seller or purveyor who has been prohibited by a Local Authority from supplying milk either directly or through a wholesale dealer to the public, shall be entitled to compensation from such Local Authority for every day during which prohibition remains, and such compensation shall be based upon the daily quantities or sales of such milk sellers or purveyors as are ascertained to be delivered within the limits of said Local Authority, in terms of section 8 of this Memo.

The foregoing suggestions were again considered by the Local Authority of the Burgh of Govan on March 27th, when the clauses of the Memorandum were considered *seriatim*, and approved of. The clerk was instructed to forward copies of the Memorandum to the Secretary of State for Scotland and to the Board of Supervision, impressing upon them the necessity of such powers being conferred upon Local Authorities, in order that they may be better enabled to cope with outbreaks of infectious disease, and requesting that the suggestions should be considered; and, if approved of, that steps should be taken to have them enacted as legal provisions.

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GRAVE-YARD WATER—DRINKING THEIR ANCESTORS.—The Annals of Hygiene (Phil.) says: We have had occasion from time to time to chronicle some of the delectable ingredients that are to be found in Schuylkill water, such as oil of cedar, which we believed was derived from the cedar coffins in Laurel Hill Cemetery. Now we have to tell of the most startling and latest discovery that we have from such unquestioned authority as Dr. Charles M. Cresson, who has been systematically examining this water for many years past. This gentleman has actually discovered the presence of "*adipocere*," which, to the uninitiated, we would say is a waxy substance formed from the decomposition of the fat of animal bodies. Thus then, having the fact from undoubted authority we can no longer question that the bodies of our ancestors, decomposing in Laurel Hill, on the banks of the Schuylkill, are draining into the river, to be imbibed by the people of Philadelphia.