

of the London *Lancet* says a good deal of sickness prevailed among children in Tipperary, supposed to arise from the deleterious effects of drinking milk from the cows affected with foot-and-mouth disease.

Cows milk very frequently constitutes the principle article of diet of children at a period of life when good, wholesome food is absolutely essential to perfect development; it is also the chief diet in many forms of disease, and life may frequently depend upon its quality. How very important it is then to see that this food is always of the best quality. Milch cows are not unfrequently kept in dark, badly ventilated stables, and fed upon improper food, in which circumstances it is impossible for them to be in a healthy condition. Happy infants of Toronto who were unable to read in the *Globe* last spring the brief history given therein of the source of a large portion of their nutriment—of some of the city dairies, as visited by the city commissioner and a reporter. True, it was said the stables appeared to be clean; but cleanliness and darkness and confined air do not usually dwell together. Think of milk manufactured from still-slops in a dark, close stable!

Many cities in Great Britain and the United States have their milk inspector, and we observe that milk vendors are fined from time to time for selling a sophisticated article. A number of outbreaks of typhoid fever have been traced unmistakably to the milk supply, in which for the most part the contagion appeared to find its way into the milk from foul water, used, of course, *only to wash the pans, etc.* Is it not time that in Canadian cities and towns the proper authorities were attending to this matter, and adopting means not only to prevent the sale of an adulterated or even a *diluted* article, but to enforce the proper housing and feeding of milch cows? It is the people's duty and privilege to demand this. Delays are dangerous.

TWO CASES OF FATAL POISONING, a mother and daughter from eating fungi, which they supposed to be mushrooms, are noticed in a late number of the *Medical Times and Gazette*.