

DR. C. J. FAGAN, Provincial Health Officer of British Columbia, has been conferring with the Health Board of Vancouver regarding the health of that city.

DR. P. H. BRYCE, senior medical officer of the Department of Inland Revenue at Ottawa, has been in Victoria and Vancouver investigating the reports that diseased immigrants were gaining access to Canada from the United States by way of the ports of Puget Sound.

TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL STATISTICS.—The total number of patients treated in the Toronto General Hospital during the past hospital year numbered 3,875. There were 2,191 males and 1,634 females. On the 31st of December, 1904, there were 276 patients in the wards.

DR. WOLFERSTAN THOMAS, of Montreal, a son of the late general manager of the Molsons Bank, has left Liverpool for the Amazon to investigate yellow and malarial fevers on behalf of the Association of Liverpool Merchants, headed by Sir Alfred Jones, formed for the investigation of tropical diseases.

DR. LABERGE, the Health Officer of Montreal, considers the smallpox statistics for the last few years a fine illustration of the saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." In 1885 the great epidemic carried off 3,164 people; in 1886 there were only ten deaths. From 1886 to 1896 not a death was reported. In 1897 there were twelve deaths; two in 1898; none in 1899; ten in 1900; two in 1901; ten in 1902; and in 1903 only

ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.—A militia general order states that, for the purpose of promotion, the officers of the permanent active militia army medical corps and officers of the militia army medical corps will be considered as belonging to two distinct branches, and promotion will take place upon the same principle as that in a regiment or corps. Promotions subject to the necessary qualifications will take place as follows: After one year's service, as lieutenant, to be captain; after four years' service as captain, to be major. After ten years' service as major, regimental officers may be given the rank of honorary lieutenant-colonel and their period of service extended, or they may be transferred to the reserve of medical officers or the retired list, as the case may be. two.