

## Meetings and Reports

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#### Provincial Health Officer's Report for Nova Scotia, 1910.

We have received from Dr. A. P. Reid, the eighteenth annual report of the Public Health Department of Nova Scotia. The report is excellent in its style and shows the hand of an expert. Dr. Reid in addressing the Government in this report, says in part that the sanitary condition of the province has been, as usual, favorable. There have been many localized outbreaks of smallpox, though none have been severe. The public are loath to recognize the fact that smallpox has prevailed for several years past in different sections of the province and is likely to remain until all are protected by vaccination or otherwise; the sooner that protection becomes general, the sooner the disease will be eradicated, and this is specially needful with children—the earlier the vaccination the more protection will be conferred. No child should be allowed to attend school unless protected for many reasons, but the City Board of Halifax have encountered much unreasonable opposition, particularly from the anti-vaccinationists. These people may be sincere but they are ignorant of the experience of the world on this subject, or, at least, misinformed. There are 1,500 unprotected children now attending the Halifax schools—thanks to the “Conscientious Scruples,” as by rule permitted.

Diphtheria, scarlet and typhoid fevers, whooping-cough, measles, infantile paralysis, smallpox, tuberculosis, pneumonia, etc., are also fully considered.

Dr. Reid requests in his report that it be noted “that though doctors differ, there is a very general consensus of opinion on every subject relating to public health and it is, hence, a safe assumption that they are correct.

#### Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The provinces and cities of Canada will

be asked to send representatives to the Seventh International Congress of Associations for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, which will be held next September in Rome. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Association held in Ottawa on the 28th of last month, when reports of a most satisfactory nature from all over the Dominion were received.

The Canadian Association will meet again at London, Ontario, on May 17, 18 and 19 next, when the speakers, it was stated, would include Hon. Clifford Sifton and Hon. Adam Beck. Those present at the meeting were Prof. Adami, of McGill; Dr. Bruce Smith, of Toronto; Dr. Laberge, of Montreal; Archbishop Hamilton, Mr. Jas. Manuel, Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, Dr. J. G. Rutherford, Dr. Montizambert, Mr. J. M. Courtenay, C.M.G.; Dr. Bryce, Dr. G. D. Porter and Sir James Grant.

#### Annual Report of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

We have received from Dr. Charles R. Dickson, General Secretary the annual report of the Canadian Red Cross Society. This Society is affiliated with the British Red Cross Society and is aiming to secure the nucleus of a complete organization in each portion of the Dominion of Canada.

The formation of provincial branches of the Society is now well under way. Prince Edward Island is in the proud position of being the first province to have a branch duly established and organized.

The annual report records the death of M. Henri Dunant, at Heiden, a health resort in Switzerland, on the 30th of October last. M. Dunant was revered by every civilized nation as the originator of the National Red Cross Society idea, and the founder of that International Red Cross Committee of Geneva of which each of the forty National Red Cross Societies, scattered over the world, is practically a