

THE Annual Report of the Toronto local Board of health has been received, showing that a good deal of Sanitary work has been done and progress made. The Medical officer however reports that. "The large increase of mortality from typhoid fever and diphtheria in the last year, as compared with the previous year, is a matter for serious consideration. After making due allowance for increase of population, the difference is so great as to call for immediate consideration of the cause of these maladies." We purpose alluding to the report on another occasion.

FROM ORILLIA (Ont.) the vigilant and active medical health officer, Dr Elliott, reports, "Although I am not able to present quite such a clean bill of health as last year, I am happy to be able to report that we have not had any epidemics of contagious or infectious disease. There have been no cases of smallpox, measles, diphtheria or whooping cough." We purpose drawing some useful lessons from the intelligent and valuable report of Dr. Elliot for our next issue.

IN MICHIGAN, for the month of December, compared with the preceding month, reports indicate that bronchitis, neuralgia, and pneumonia increased, and typhoid-fever, typho-malarial-fever, and diarrhoea decreased in prevalence. Compared with the average for the month of December in the 7 years, 1879—1885, pneumonia, remittent-fever, typho malarial fever, intermittent-fever, diphtheria and consumption of lungs were less prevalent in December, 1885. Elsewhere we have noted like reports from this state for the three months previous to December last.

The smallpox epidemic has now about disappeared from Montreal. Only about 25 deaths took place from the disease during the first half of this month; or about one-third the number during the first half of December.

IN MICHIGAN, arrangements have been made by a local Committee of the citizens of Howell, acting with a Committee of the State Board of Health, for a Sanitary Convention to be held in that city on March 3rd and 4th, first.

READERS of this journal in Michigan will be glad to learn that "Heaps Patent" earth and ashes closets will be manufactured in that state at an early day. These closets are universally acknowledged to be the best made.

"AMRANTH" would confer a favor by sending his address to the publishers of Man. It has been mislaid or lost in some unaccountable way.

FROM MAINE, THE SECRETARY of the State Board report d, December 23rd, that information received at his office indicated smallpox still generally prevalent in the Province of Quebec. He names 38 towns which were known to the Board to be, or lately to have been, effected with the disease. December 29th he reported eighty-six places in that Province which had been affected.

THE Medical Inspector of the New York Association for improving the condition of the poor, reports that there are eleven public baths in the city open during the summer months and that during the season of 1884 these baths were patronized by 3,104,785 people, of which 2,182,074 were females, and 982,711 males. These people were chiefly from tenement-houses.

DURING the past year one hundred and ten thousand people it is said occupied the 613 rooms of the Grand Union Hotel, New York city. The charge for rooms is \$1 and upwards per day, including elegant suites of rooms for families. It is kept on the European Plan, and the best of everything is supplied at moderate prices. Those who have tried it believe they can live there better, for the same money, than at any other first-class hotel in New York.

SOME Subscribers complain that certain numbers of Man never reach them. We can only say, the fault must rest with the local post office. A copy is *invariably* mailed to *every* subscriber.

MISHAPS, sickness and other causes of delay with the printer have made this number late, but February and March numbers will soon follow, and we trust subscribers will pardon the delay.

ALL subscribers remitting \$1.50 at once, or at an early day, before account is sent, will receive the JOURNAL for one year; but we must charge \$2.00 when we have to send a bill and perhaps several times. If every one would remit \$1.50 now we would much prefer to be so paid, instead of \$2 later, and take it as a favour.

ONE who "tried" every furniture establishment in Ottawa and purchased considerable furniture states very clearly that he can get better furniture for the same money at the "Art" Furniture Warerooms of Messrs Harris & Campbell, than at any other place in the city.

The deaths from patent medicines are estimated by a writer in the *British Medical Journal*, to be about one hundred and fifty thousand annually.