

advice, to London. At Clinton, his disease having become known, Little was locked into an empty baggage-car by himself and taken to the small-pox hospital at London where he was cared for. Great indignation was everywhere expressed and actions were taken against Little and Dr. Whitely; both were convicted of the misdemeanour and the former suffered a nominal imprisonment and the doctor was fined \$20, the judge remarking that he was lenient in consideration of the youth of the accused. The Montreal case was as follows: A woman, from the Eastern States, was on a visit to friends in a country district about 60 miles from this city, accompanied by three children. Two of these showed symptoms of diphtheria of a severe type. On the third day of the illness, the mother states, she was advised by the local practitioner to take them by rail to Montreal, receiving orders not to tell anybody what was the matter with them. This she did, and arriving here put up for the night at a hotel. The following day the sick children were taken into the Montreal General Hospital. At this time the worst case of the two was in a lamentable condition—glands greatly swollen, mouth open, abundant running from the nose, intense foetor of the breath, laryngeal symptoms already showing themselves, and he rapidly sank and died next day. The other child recovered. What action was taken in this case? None that we know of. The matter was made public through the papers and must have been reported to the sanitary authorities, but no pains were taken (as far as our information goes) either to sift the facts, to disinfect the premises occupied, to punish the guilty, or enforce a lesson upon the community. There is a degree of apathy hereabouts concerning contagious disease that is very remarkable. There is a good deal of talk about preventive measures, and so forth, but the inactivity displayed in this instance shows how easily foci of these communicable affections can be established here and how certain these are not to be stamped out in the beginning.