

disease along the lines of that established in England has been formed with the Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell, a broad-minded Canadian as the President. The Board appreciates the assistance already afforded by this organization. The indefatigable Secretary, Dr. Gordon Bates, possesses the energy of several persons, and is an active worker in promoting everything likely to assist in curbing the ravages of venereal disease.

As in respect to all other phases of public health work the Board has strong views on the value of education in venereal disease work. A number of excellently written booklets on various phases of the subject have been prepared, and in addition a little volume entitled "To-day's World Problem in Disease Prevention," donated by Dr. John A. Stokes, of Rochester, Minn., U.S.A., has been widely circulated among the medical profession. We are happy in having the co-operation of the various medical societies of Ontario, and plans are under way for lectures and the presentation of motion pictures at society meetings. Dr. R. Roy McClenahan has charge of this Division.

#### DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE.

This is one of the newest of the Board's activities. Ontario, while in the main devoted to agriculture, is rapidly becoming, particularly in certain localities, a great industrial centre. We have extensive timber areas, our mining resources, notably in iron, silver, gold and copper, are of enormous extent. Our nickel mines are probably the largest known. The development of cheap electricity from the utilization of our immense water powers has stimulated industrial growth, particularly in Toronto, Hamilton and places in the Niagara Peninsula. Milling, pulp, paper and agricultural implement manufacture, etc., give employment to a large proportion of our population.

For these reasons it became evident that attention should be given to maintaining safe sanitary conditions for the employees, the prevention of occupational diseases, and to afford information to employers of labour respecting the sanitary conditions arising in connexion with their works.

A division of Industrial Hygiene was established this year, and the Director and his assistants are formulating plans de-