

DISEASES OF POULTRY.

The Epidemic of last year. Efforts to find out what it was.

The description given in last report of the disease which was general in the district, with such fatal effect, attracted wide attention. Many letters were received giving various opinions as to its nature, and every effort was made to arrive at a correct conclusion. With this object in view, the remains of one of the farm fowls, which had died from the disease was sent to Professor Wesley Mills, of the Physiological Laboratory of McGill University, Montreal, a gentleman well known not only as a skilled physician and lecturer, but as an authority on the diseases of animals and the philanthropic interest he takes in the same. Dr. Mills was given a full description of the disease, and was requested to give his opinion as to its nature. In the kindest manner possible he at once expressed his interest in the matter and expressed his intention, with Dr. Johnston, Demonstrator of Pathology of McGill, to have a *post mortem* made of the body of the fowl sent and to report on the same. At the same time he asked to have any live fowls which were suffering from the disease sent to him. Fortunately no other of the farm stock was sick at the time, nor did others become so afterwards from the same ailment. The following will show that the examination by Dr. Mills had a negative result:—

" PHYSIOLOGICAL LABORATORY,
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,

" MONTREAL, 29th Dec., 1890.

" Manager of the Poultry Department,
" Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

" DEAR SIR,—A *post mortem* examination of the P. Rock fowl you were good enough to forward, showed extreme emaciation, and pronounced pal-

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