

Teachers have been found allies in this work, and should be taken into account in any scheme of inspection, as the alert teacher, accustomed to the normal appearance of the child in health, will readily note any marked departure therefrom, and can notify Medical Officer.

The schools in Ottawa have been placed in first-class condition during the past five years through the employment of a permanent architect, who has made a special study of school sanitation.

I have recommended an outlay for medical inspectors to work with the Medical Health Officer, but the authorities have so far turned it down, owing to the plea of financial stringency. It will be necessary for us to show the authorities that it is a business proposition which will give an adequate return for outlay. The plan I proposed is to employ several inspectors to attend the schools at the opening of the fall term and examine all children, similarly examine any new-comers during term, and any cases referred to the officer by the teacher, or on the occurrence of any infectious disease. The inspector to be paid according to the amount of work done.

MEDICAL THOUGHTS, FADS, FACTS, AND FANCIES.

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You, no doubt, brother, have in quiet moments, and very frequently, too, thought what new specialty would arise to disturb our quiet, yet never-ending studies and researches. Dr. Waetzold has equalled, in fact has eclipsed, Dr. Gould, of Philadelphia, in extremism. While the distinguished lexicographer and oculist-biographer attributes numerous nervous ailments to "eye-strain," with equal learning and copious illustrations, Dr. W. claims "ear-strain" as the prominent factor, and we, country doctors—in fact all M.D.'s—will await their published claims for the prize—for leisure moments' reading, and for our sanction and authority, provided we consider them intelligent and adaptable.

To one who is observant, there are many evidences most pleasantly afforded of the tendency of many medical journals to discontinue their publications or to form an amalgamation in publication with some other similar journals. Equally noticeable is the