

The Act confers upon the Board very wide powers in the regulation of sanitary matters. The removal and abatement of causes of ill-health are special features, and the aim is really one of prevention rather than cure. Streets, traffic, burials, dwelling, medical aid, overcrowding, control of infection, summer resorts, etc., are placed under the control of the Board.

For the better carrying out of this Act, the province may be divided into ten health districts. Over each of these there may be appointed a health officer whose salary shall be \$2,500 annually, and actual and necessary travelling expenses. The local Boards of Health are armed with much authority over health matters.

Every municipality shall appoint a qualified medical practitioner as its health officer. These health officers shall hold office during good behavior and residence in the municipality or immediately adjoining it. Medical officers of health cannot be removed from office except for cause and with the approval of the Provincial Board of Health.

Isolation and emergency hospitals are given full consideration. The acquiring of land required is provided for. The medical care of indigents and the provisions regarding communicable diseases are also cared for in the Act in a most explicit and full manner.

Taking the Act as a whole, it may be regarded as meeting the conditions of this Province for many years to come, and will accomplish much in the way of preventing disease.

THE TITANIC DISASTER.

The *Canada Lancet* only refers to this because of the loss of life. It is the duty of medical journals to take up all topics that make for the safety of the people, the prevention of disease, the lessening of human suffering, and the prolongation of life.

The evidence before the world now is to the effect that a boat cannot be built that may not sink. If ever such an idea existed, it has received its death blow in the sinking of the Titanic.

Another fact has been revealed that the Titanic did not carry sufficient life boats. It is almost useless to have in a vessel a large stock of life belts. The wretch with one of these on, which may keep his head and shoulders above water, while much of his body and his legs are under water, is destined to die a death of terrible torture, in by far the largest number of cases.

Then, again, it has become evident that speed counts for more than safety, at all events, in some instances. One can hardly understand why