

THE MILK BILL FOR ONTARIO.

The Ontario Government has passed a milk bill regulating the standard and sale of milk. The bill fixes a minimum food value for milk, and leaves it with the various municipalities to place the standard higher.

The sanitary regulations governing the sale of milk are left to the municipalities to determine. As these may have to vary a good deal, it was thought that on the sanitation of the milk some latitude must be allowed.

On the whole, the regulations contained in the bill will do much good.

CARE FOR WEAK-MINDED CHILDREN.

Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education for Ontario, is to be congratulated upon the provisions of his bill for the care of weak-minded children in schools. The bill provides, among other things, for the establishment of special classes for such cases. Children are to be admitted to such classes on the report of the principal of the school and the medical inspector.

School boards are authorized to provide for medical inspection by a duly qualified medical practitioner attending special classes, and, upon the recommendation of the medical inspector, may provide for medical treatment being given to any child who needs it and whose parents are unable, from poverty or other cause, to provide adequately for the treatment of the child. The medical inspector, in the course of his work, is to visit the children in their homes and consult and advise with the parents as to the treatment of the children in their homes and the conditions which will best enable the children to attain a normal degree of intelligence and education.

Grants are to be apportioned among the different classes by the Minister.

The tendency of the times is to conserve the health of the people. On the ground that prevention is better than cure, these efforts should meet with general support.

THE VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES IN CANADA.

When Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen inaugurated the Victorian Order of Nurses there was considerable opposition to the scheme. It was contended that it was not necessary to form such an organization,