

COMMENTS.

The attention of teachers and school trustees is called to the authoritative deliverances of the Annual Conference of the Medical Health Officers of the Province, beginning at page 249 preceding.

Inspectors are disposed, as well as instructed, to carry out the views of the Health Officers with respect to sanitation in the schools, in the buildings, and in the grounds, and to stop the payment of Municipal funds where trustees are negligent, until the case can be considered by the Council

Many of our towns (including our two cities) are making more or less creditable efforts to develop a system of medical inspection under either the Board of Health or the School Board.

Dr. C. W. Salesby in the "Daily Chronicle," London, England, makes the following statements in a late article:

"In round numbers, perhaps three millions of men may have been accepted for service in the past year and **one million** have been rejected. The figure is appalling, and not least now, when we should feel happier to know that all those men had been found fit and were serving today."

"Two-thirds of the children who first enter our London schools are then suffering from **preventable** defects."

"In our now urgent economies let us be sure whether the money under discussion is to bring life or death."

In our own Province a too large percentage also appears to have been rejected—noble patriotic spirits desiring to fight at the front; but their defective bodies made them a danger instead of a defense.

And unthinking parents who can boast of running the people's schools, have so little intelligent interest in their children and the children of their neighbors, that they neglect to combine at their annual school meeting to make the small provision necessary for the medical and dental examination of the children attending school, which the law gives them the power to do. Are there no leaders in our school section? Or