

by either the Board of Health or the Department of Education. It is surely going it haphazard to allow local boards of health or of education to prosecute it at their own discretion.

Toronto is one city which adopted this work under the direct control of the Board of Education; but at the present there is a well-defined movement to have it transferred to the Health Department of the city.

For many years to come it would appear that the detection of infectious and contagious diseases, the detection of physical defects and the prevention of disease, will constitute the major part of medical inspection; and but little can be expected in the way of education leading up to higher physical development.

At present the work would appear to lie far more within the sphere of the medical officer of health.

What the taxpayer, however, should know at the present time is the value he is getting for his money. To what extent has medical inspection of schools in Toronto, for instance, lessened the incidence of infectious and contagious diseases? Has there been, in the past three years, a considerable falling off in these diseases?

These are vital statistics; and the community is entitled to know from its health authorities what great good has been accomplished in this direction.

Equality of Income is the panacea put forward by Mr. George Bernard Shaw as the socialistic cure of humanity's ills. Mr. Shaw is too modest—no, Mr. Shaw is never modest where Mr. Shaw is concerned—he is rather indisposed to enunciate or elaborate his scheme, until the principle thereof is approved and adopted.

In some vocations of life equality of income already pertains, as for instance, soldiers in the ranks, policemen, etc. It would be only necessary to extend this from class to class, and then equality of income would do away with all class.

Just how this would work out in the medical profession wherein a real average income would prevail is interesting to inquire. The \$100,000 income practitioner would have to get along on much less, while the \$1,000 income man would be very pleased to get along on the added increment. The former would be compelled to keep right on with his major operations, while his less fortunate confrere could daddle along in a go-as-you-please style which would bring in annually as many golden eagles to one as to the other.