

THE CONTROL OF VENEREAL DISEASES.

The Dominion Council of Health, as authorized under the Act establishing the Federal Department of Health, held a session on 8th October in the City of Ottawa, and will continue in session to-morrow.

Up to the present the control of venereal diseases has occupied almost entirely*the attention of the council. A complete unanimity of opinion has been expressed by the representatives of all the provinces as to the proper measures to be adopted. The council has decided that out of the appropriation set apart by the Federal Government for division among the provinces for the combatting of disease, the sum of \$10,000 shall be given direct to the National Council for the same purpose in their nation-wide campaign of information and propaganda and measures of treatment, and a further sum of \$1,000 to be expended by the Federal Department of Health.

The balance of the grant, namely \$180,000, will be proportionately assigned to the provinces and the representatives of the provinces, assuring the Department of Health that equivalent amounts of Provincial funds will be set apart for the same purpose.

The Act provides for the constitution of this council, consisting of the Deputy Minister of the Federal Department of Health, the chief executive officer of each province, and five other members appointed by the Governor-in-Council, and, in accordance with the above, the present meeting consists of: Dr. J. A. Amyot, Deputy Minister, chairman; Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, Ontario; Dr. Elzear Pelletier, Quebec; Dr. W. H. Hattie, Nova Scotia; Hon. W. F. Roberts, New Brunswick; Dr. H. E. Young, British Columbia; Dr. Gordon Bell, Manitoba; Dr. W. C. Laidlaw, Alberta; Dr. M. M. Seymour, Saskatchewan; Prof. J. G. Fitzgerald, Professor of Hygiene, University of Toronto; W. F. Stephenson, secretary Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association; Tom Moore, president Trades and Labor Congress, representing Walter Rollo, Hamilton, the Labor representative; Miss Helen R. Y. Reid, convenor of auxiliaries, Canadian Patriotic Fund, Montreal; Mrs. H. E. Todd, president Canadian Women's Institute.

The late Sir William Gowers once said that there were at least 500,000 in London suffering from an active form of syphilis. We have our quota in Canada. The secret of success is stop the polluting stream

ABUSES AT ORPINGTON HOSPITAL.

"An amazing story of the abuse of political patronage is told by Dr. R. H. Arthur of Sudbury, who served with the Canadian forces overseas for more than three years. As a medical man he was in position