Editorials.

CANADIAN SUMMER RESORTS.

The popular holiday season in Canada appears to be during the hot summer months. This is due largely to the fact that this is vacation time in all our schools and colleges. It frequently happens that families going away in good health return with more or less sickness. Fortunately both the public and the profession have learned that in a large proportion of such cases there is sufficient reason for the bad results. The sanitary conditions in many summer resorts has been so bad that it was really dangerous to go near them. As far as Toronto is concerned the Muskoka district is probably the most popular place for a summer outing. When only a very limited number visited the wilds of Muskoka sanitary precautions were scarcely thought of at all. Before many years the number of visitors increased so greatly that many of the hotels and boarding houses were overcrowded during the hot weather, and it was found that in some at least a very unsanitary condition existed.

Dr. Bryce, the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, has devoted a great deal of attention to this matter during the last few years; and, as a consequence, there is a great improvement from a sanitary point of view throughout the whole district. We fear, however, that there is still room for improvement in many places, and it is well for physicians to bear this in mind when giving advice to their patients about these matters.

There is always a certain element of danger where a number of families live in a group of houses, unless certain precautions are taken. We think the system carried out at DeGrassi Point on Lake Simcoe is about as nearly perfect as possible. Certain rules are laid down regulating the manner of erecting buildings, as to draining, plumbing, etc. All refuse is collected and destroyed each day. This is not left to the individuals occupying the houses, but to a committee legally endowed with power to compel the observance of the existing regulations. The collection and destruction of the waste material from all the