

The scheme must be applicable to rural as well as to urban school children. In such cities as Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa I can readily conceive of a system of medical inspection of school children being adopted similar to that now being successfully worked in American and English cities, and recently instituted in Montreal.

This work is carried on by specially appointed medical inspectors acting under a department of the Local Health Authorities in the cities of Boston, New York and Hartford; and of the joint control of the department of Health and the Board of Education in Chicago.

The system generally adopted is to divide a city into districts, each with four or five schools of about 2,000 children, to apportion a medical inspector for each district, the salary of an inspector ranging from \$200 to \$300, and as high as \$600 per annum.

It is the duty of an inspector to visit each school in the morning soon after opening, and to examine and report on the children referred to him either by the teacher or the parents. If found ill, the child is sent home with a note to the parents advising as to course of action.

If the disease is a contagious one the Medical Health Officer is notified. It is here the medical inspector's duties cease. He does not interfere as to medical treatment—that is left to the parents.

Upon the return of the child to school a second examination, however, is made by the inspector.

In the case of poverty of the parents one of the staff nurses takes charge of the case. In this manner there is no interference on the part of medical inspector with the rest of the medical profession, and no particular medical school is thrust upon the parents.

By the adoption of such a system of medical inspection it cannot be denied the duties of the teacher and principal will be increased, and it will require the teachers to devote some portion of their studies to the subjects of hygiene, as related to the child and child life, and the diseases incident thereto.

On the other hand, their position is strengthened in all matters covered by this system, in many of which teachers have now to rely on his or her own opinions, and arrive at conclusions and adopt measures, which under a well-thought-out system of medical inspection would not be the case.

The system will enable parents to secure for their children that medical treatment which often up to the date of inspection they were in ignorance of the need thereof.

It will secure to the children that attention of detail in their course of study which through ignorance, in the past, had not