

proceedings of the quarterly meetings of the Board to the local boards be referred to the Committee on Publication, to be dealt with. The proceedings of the second quarterly meeting then terminated.

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Correspondence respecting an outbreak of rabies in the Township of Ekfrid, and bacteriological report of the examination of the rabid animal by J. J. Mackenzie, B.A.:

*Dr. P. H. Bryce, Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, Toronto, Ont.:*

DEAR SIR,—Dr. McEwen, of Melbourne will express you, in a sterilized vessel and securely packed, the posterior portion of the head and neck of a dog supposed to be rabid. I am not certainly aware that your laboratory has facilities for examining such a case bacteriologically, but send in the hope that you have. If so, please demonstrate nature of bacteria present in this case (head has been frozen since 12th inst. until packed), and if hydrophobia germs can be found, let us know as soon as possible. If inoculation experiments are necessary, please send word as to microscopic appearance of a section. Perhaps this should properly have been sent to Mr. Mackenzie, but the closing part of this letter will show why I send to you. Dr. McEwen may also address the head to you, in which case please hand to Mr. Mackenzie.

The dog bit a young lad (say 17 years) on the backs of both hands, through a rather thin pair of woollen mitts, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. The dog at that time was not supposed to be rabid, and had previously been a fairly even-tempered dog; but on the same night it left home, after

making some attempt to bite its owner, and "took in" a circle of country of ten or more miles, biting nearly every dog in its course, and also farm and domestic animals and fowls. It attacked two or three people (as far as heard from), biting only one, and that did not penetrate the skin on account of a heavy glove; and it did not return home until Sunday, 10th inst., about 2 p.m. On return it did not attempt to bite its owner or any of the family. It was evidently sick and stupid; would not answer when called; eyes sunken and glassy; much emaciated; owner offered it bread and milk, but would not touch them; a piece of meat placed in the mouth was immediately rejected, with evident pain; did not bark or growl; prostrated somewhat, which increased, and on Monday night or Tuesday could only rise on front legs, the hind parts being evidently paralyzed; some convulsive attacks noticed, but not severe. Dog then killed.

In its course through the country it passed through a village, and bit every dog in sight. It would run from one group of dogs to another, biting and snapping, and not stopping to fight. Other dogs, on its approach, would run away from it, although some of them had the reputation of being good and eager fighters.

I did not mention that the saliva was scanty and thick andropy when seen at home on Sunday and Monday.

In my opinion all clinical symptoms denote rabies, but would not affirm such without a laboratory examination.

The Township Council has been asked to defray expense of sending bitten lad to the New York Pasteur