

- (4) Addition of two public health laboratories, making a total of six in the Province.
- (5) Appointment of one additional District Officer of Health, making eight in all; and of three sanitary inspectors, or five in all.
- (6) Appropriation of \$40,000 for a Maternal and Child Welfare Division under the Provincial Board of Health.
- (7) Establishment of a Division of Industrial Hygiene.
- (8) Additional appropriation for public health work in Ontario of about \$300,000.

It will be seen from these details that the life of the Board has been full of vigour and that extension of its usefulness and its efficiency has been its chief aim. Extension of its laboratory system throughout the Province cannot fail to produce good results, and its active interest in child welfare, industrial hygiene and the fight against venereal disease is worthy of our strongest commendation.

The establishment of a Division of Industrial Hygiene will no doubt tend to bring this important work under proper medical supervision. The department of hygiene at Toronto University under Professor Fitzgerald has taken up this subject and during the past session a series of lectures on it have been given. The writer is unfortunately uninformed as to what extent this important subject is receiving attention in other Ontario universities.

Scientific laboratory work in respect to public health can count much valuable work accomplished and special mention is due to the work of the research division of the Connaught Antitoxin Laboratories where highly important research work in preventive medicine is being pursued.

During the two very serious epidemics that have marked the year's progress our laboratories have proven a most useful adjunct. The fight against smallpox was greatly aided and the value of vaccination was again amply demonstrated. While no specific prophylactic agent against influenza has been produced the demands for such vaccines as were given trial while influenza held the field, were well met.

The subject of medical inspection of school children is one which has received much attention of late and considering the enormous value of such work if made general, systematic and thorough, it would seem desirable in order to organize and facilitate the work and produce the best results, another division should be established by the Provincial Board of Health and known as the Division of Medical Inspection of School Children, and be presided over by a medical man well qualified for such an important position.

Public health nursing has become a very important factor in the advancement of the general plans for combating disease, and in this con-