

NOTES AND NEWS

MEETING OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE INSANE ASYLUMS IN THE PRO- VINCE OF QUEBEC.

A VERY important meeting of the superintendents of the insane asylums in the Province of Quebec was held on the 24th October, 1919. The following persons were present: Mr. J. Simard, Assistant Provincial Secretary; Dr. A. H. Desloges, General Medical Superintendent of the Insane Asylums; Dr. E. Devlin, Superintendent of the St. Jean de Dieu Asylum; Dr. M. E. Brechu, Superintendent of the St. Michael Archange Hospital; Dr. J. W. Burgess, Superintendent of the Verdun Asylum; Dr. O. Noel, Superintendent of St. Julien Asylum at St. Ferdinand d'Halifax; Dr. M. E. Tremblay, Superintendent of Ste. Anne Asylum at Baie St. Paul; Dr. C. A. Porteous, Assistant Superintendent of Verdun Asylum, and Mr. M. C. Belanger, Secretary.

The following important questions were discussed:

FIRST—ADMISSION FORMS.

It was suggested that some addition should be made to the forms of admission at present in use in order to obtain more details of the history of each patient. These details were to include a more thorough social history of each patient, their real domicile, their place of birth, their financial position as well as of those who are responsible for them. If they are foreigners or belong to another province or the United States, information with regard to their deportation or repatriation to the country or province where they have their legal domicile should be obtained. The previous occupation of the patient was also thought important to be known, particularly in the case of an ex-soldier.

The Federal Department of Immigration must secure all the particulars in connection with the deportation, or the medical superintendent must get them in the interest of the province, and transfer them to the Department of Immigration in order to get quicker action.

As the Federal Department of Immigration does not assume any responsibility when the case does not appear to be strictly a