

licly admitted that there are any number of old foul sewers reeking with abominations, which cannot be "flushed." We are also informed that unlimited quantities of filth have been piled up at the border-line of St. Jean Baptiste village, where a large proportion of the cases of small-pox has been found.

Under these circumstances a "Central Board of Health" has been recently formed, and certain regulations to prevent the further spread of small-pox have been framed and published in the *Official Gazette*, of Quebec. These regulations provide that Local Boards are to be organized, subject to the control of the Central Board, in all that pertains to the public health. The Central Board is to be notified when a case of small-pox occurs within the limits of a municipality. All streets, lanes, yards, privies, and public squares must be thoroughly cleaned at once.

Cases of small-pox are to be isolated either at home or in suitable houses. A placard bearing the words "Picotte—Small-pox" is to be placed in a conspicuous place on every house where there is a small-pox patient. It is strictly forbidden to convey a patient affected with small-pox, or any other contagious disease, from one municipality to another without a written permit from the Medical Health Officer of the municipality into which it is intended to convey the patient.

Funerals of small-pox patients must take place within twelve hours after death. The corpse is to be conveyed directly to the cemetery, and the funeral must be private.

All places infected with small-pox must be disinfected according to the directions of the Central Board.

Persons authorized by the Board of Health will have the right, within the limits of their respective municipalities, to visit all houses, factories, hotels, educational establishments, etc., to enquire whether or not cases of small-pox exist in them.

Local Boards of Health are to provide temporary lodgings for persons suspected of having small-pox. They are also to procure a suitable supply of vaccine, which they are to offer gratuitously to those who are not vaccinated, and those who need to be vaccinated.

The Provincial Board of Health of Ontario have found it necessary to take special precautions against the importation of small-pox into our midst. An Order in Council has been passed, giving them powers, to deal with the disease in the most thorough and effective manner, so as to prevent its appearance in any of our municipalities.

They have sent six physicians to Montreal, whose business it is to observe passengers by rail or boat leaving that city for the west. These gentlemen are instructed to board trains and steamers leaving Montreal, to observe where the passengers come from and their destination, to vaccinate unprotected persons, to detain cases of small-pox, and to cause the vaccination, isolation and detention of all persons entering this Province who have been exposed to the danger of infection, until the period of incubation be passed.

These precautions may appear severe, but a little reflection will convince everyone that in the management of this the most loathsome of all the zymotic diseases the safety of the people reposes on the enforcement of vaccination, isolation and disinfection.

And we feel quite confident that although enforcing these regulations with all due stringency, the Provincial Board of Health of Ontario regret that the commercial prosperity of Montreal should have received so rude a shock, and that, in common with all the people of this Province, they will be pleased to see all measures of precaution rendered unnecessary by the complete and effectual *stamping out of the epidemic*.

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#### LAWSON TAIT'S OVARIOTOMIES.

Mr. Tait has published in the *Philadelphia Medical News*, Sept. 12th, a report of a remarkable series of one hundred and twelve consecutive operations for ovarian and parovarian cystoma without a death. The achievement is a marvellous and brilliant one, and is a credit alike to this distinguished operator and to modern abdominal surgery.

A few years ago they used to tell us in London that Mr. Tait's reports were unreliable. They persistently sneered at the young "radical upstart" from Birmingham. They first pre-