

Wyatt Johnston started a scheme of this sort where one could send specimens and get a report next day.

J. E. LABERGE, M.D. Certainly we need a bacteriological department at the City Hall to be put at the disposal of medical men in Montreal who may want to have diagnoses made in cases of diphtheria, etc., or to find out if a sputum contains the tubercle bacilli, to have a Widal test made, etc., etc., to aid in diagnosis. Years ago when I was in charge of the Health Department that was done, but this department was taken out of my hands and I have no control of it. Under the new administration, however, it is possible that this may be re-established. The employees who go into infected houses from the Contagious Department should always wear a gown when they go into a house and should take it off before they leave; they should also wash their hands and face, as that is their instruction. With regard to the telephone we have only one telephone for the infectious department and that is going almost all the time. I have asked many and many times that another be installed but I am always told that there is no money for this improvement. When a case of infectious disease is in a house and there is a defective drain, the duty of the inspector of the City Hall is to find out the defect, not to remedy it. The plumbers are allowed to go into the house only when the infection is gone. We may make an exception, but as a rule we only do this reparation to drains when the infection is over. When a house is placarded for a case of infective disease the people are not allowed to go outside unless the patient is properly isolated and the physician in charge of the patient assures us that this precaution has been taken. We try all the time to induce these people to go to the hospital, but in case they refuse the City Hall does not supply them with food, and in poor families the father has to go out to work, so that I do not think we can do better than induce them to go to hospital.

As to the typhoid fever nearly all our cases, between October 1st and the end of January, were from the following wards: St. Henry, 441; Ste. Cunegonde, 159; Delorimier, 77; St. Denis, 235; Mount Royal, 9; West, 5. Centre, 5; East, 13; St. Mary, 61; St. Jacques, 4.; Hochelaga, 62. For the first week in January 204 cases were reported, the second week 186, third week 50, fourth week 89.

The tenth regular meeting of the Society was held Friday evening, February 18th, 1910, Dr. W. Grant Stewart, President, in the chair.

DR. W. H. TYTLER exhibited the following specimens:—

1. CANCER OF THE GALL BLADDER.
2. INTUSSUSCEPTION.
3. MESENTERIC THROMBOSIS.