

number), carts and stables, horse-shoers and wheelwrights. It removes garbage and ashes, and attends to watering, sweeping and cleaning the streets.

Milk has been inspected in that city, and there has been an annual report upon it, for the past 14 years. The inspector tests its quality with a lactometer, and, when below the standard, he gets it analyzed; this always results in conviction..

The Report recommends the re-modeling of the Health Department of Montreal. It recommends that, instead of two physicians, only one be employed, who shall be well paid, and shall devote his whole time to the department. It advises that no more contracts be entered into to do the city sanitary cleaning, and says the work can be done better and cheaper by the department itself; and suggests that stables be built, and horses and waggons be purchased at once, for this purpose. A small-pox hospital, public baths, meat inspection, and other matters are noticed.

Regarding the inspection of milk, a subject referred to in the last number of the *SANITARY JOURNAL*. the Report says:—"Our attention has been drawn time and again to the state of our infantile death-rate, especially by our city physicians; the adulteration of milk, which is the sole nourishment of the infant, being the more direct cause. We should not neglect this important article of food, but at once initiate measures to give us fuller powers than we now possess. I would recommend that a Milk Inspector be appointed, whose duty should be to visit all places, keep a strict watchfulness where cattle are fed and supplied with food for dairy purposes, analyze with a lactometer and keep a daily record. By this means a general supervision would be exercised. In cases of prosecution, a chemist could be employed to analyze the milk."

**A HEALTHY YEAR.**—It appears from the address of the President of the American Public Health Association, that the present has been an exceptionally healthy year. This is shown by the reports now coming in of the various countries of the civilized world. Not only has there not been a movement of the great epidemics, but the general death rate has been much less than during the preceding year.

**THE VIENNA CONFERENCE.**—An important event in the history of the present year was the meeting at Vienna, in July, of the International Sanitary Conference, to consult "on the establishment of uniform quarantine regulations, and the formation of an international commission on pestilential diseases." Representatives were present from England, France, Germany, Russia, Italy, Turkey, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Greece, Egypt, Persia and other minor governments.