SANITATION.

The committee on Sanitation of the C. S. Association of Ottawa has a weighty task on its hands. The good effect of its work is all too slow for those who suffer from the violation of the laws of health which is experienced in so many of our public buildings. Nevertheless, the committee is alive to its responsibilities and the recent addition of Dr. Bryce to its numbers will add to its efficiency and supply a useful technical knowledge of the subject.

There is much to be done. Perhaps one of the worst cases of congestion of men and material to the detriment of health is to be found in the basement of the Langevin Block, where the clerks of the Postal Stores and

Accountant branches of the P. O. D. are stationed. The ceilings are only eight feet high. In one room only 12 x 5, five clerks are huddled together. Sixteen clerks are housed in another room only 30 x 25. Artificial light is in use all the time. The worst menace to health in this case results from the storage by the department in the narrow corridors of this basement of hundreds of old and 'smelly' mail bags sent into the head office for repairs or destruction. Here they lie at all seasons of the year, putrefying the air breathed by over fifty-five civil servants. The stench which is bad enough in the heat of summer is even worse in winter, when the temperature rises to 95 degrees by reason of the great pipes which heat the Langevin Block.

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