

On Saturday, various reports from standing committees were read, one being that from the committee on school hygiene, in which the Inspector of schools for halldinand, Mr. Moses, wishes the board to suggest some means of ventilating small school houses in country places especially, many of which schools have been built a number of years and no means for artificial ventilation were ever adopted. The people are about building a high school house in Dunville, and would like to have opinions from the board regarding ventilation.

The report was received and adopted and on motion, Dr. Cassidy was appointed a committee on ventilation to take charge of the matter.

The secretary thereafter read the report of the investigation into the outbreak of diphtheria at Smith's Falls, during the past winter, which was adopted.

The Secretary having introduced the question of the advisability of the board's supplying a blank book to municipalities as a sample for the guidance of Inspectors and local boards. It was decided that the publication committee be authorized to arrange for sending to each municipality a specimen blank book for reports, as is required by sanitary inspectors for reporting to local boards. The secretary was requested to prepare a circular for notifying boards, which have neglected to report the formation of a local board of health. The motion was carried.

The secretary having informed the board of the great demand there is for copies of the new Health Act, he was authorized to have 3000 copies of the "Public Health Act of 1884" printed for distribution to local boards of health. It was thereafter decided that the answers to the circular on school hygiene, and the tabulated report already made of these answers, by the secretary, be bound and preserved for future reference.

Dr. Cassidy having suggested the propriety of the board's supplying the committee on ventilation with certain instruments for its use, it was decided that the committee on ventilation be instructed to expend a sum not exceeding \$50, in procuring such instruments as may be necessary.

A motion was carried after discussion, that the board prepare a specimen specification for a system of dry removal of excreta adapted to the circumstances of small towns, and that Dr. Bryce be associated with the Committee on sewage for preparing such specification. The following members were appointed delegates to the Hamilton meeting of the Ontario Medical Association, Drs. Covernton, Yeomans and Bryce.

The question of immigrant inspection having been introduced, it was decided that the secretary communicate with the proper authorities concerning the establishment of some comprehensive system for preventing the introduction of infectious diseases by immigrants.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented, and adopted.

The members of the various standing committees for the year were appointed, which are as follows:—Epidemics, Dr. Covernton and Dr. Bryce; sewage and water supply, Dr. Oldright and Professor Galbraith; foods, drinks and adulteration, Dr. Bryce; construction and ventilation of buildings, Dr. Cassidy; poisons, Dr. Rae; school hygiene, Dr. Yeomans; legislation, Dr. Bryce; finance, Dr. Rae; publication committee, Drs. Oldright and Covernton.

This concluded the session.

SCARLET FEVER, it would appear, from some interesting facts presented by Dr. J. C. Peters, has its origin amongst horses.