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COMMENT FROM MONTH TO MONTH

Medical Inspection of Public Schools, so far as it is being conducted in Canada, is, according to the last annual report of the Special Committee on Medical Inspection of Schools of the Canadian Medical Association, further advanced in British Columbia than in any other province of the Dominion. There it is prosecuted under the guidance and supervision of the provincial board of health.

Its prime object from the viewpoint of the public is the detection of infectious and contagious diseases and indirectly the prevention of these amongst other pupils. But it has an additional object, namely, the securing of a higher physical development and educational results.

Its appearance has resulted in two schools of thought as to its proper administration, namely, the health authorities on the one hand, and the educational authorities on the other.

That the work should be administered either by the health or educational authorities universally and not sectionally or locally seems clear; and in Ontario the Legislature should at once decide whether this work should be carried out for the whole province