

So far about 12,000 cases have been treated, and we gather there have been 7 deaths. Two of these were moribund infants, two or three others had very serious diseases of the nervous system. Ehrlich lays special stress on the point that the treatment should not be employed in patients with advanced lesions of the nervous system. Some of these deaths it would appear are not properly to be charged to the treatment.

Whether the improvement will be permanent or not time alone can tell. If it has the power of destroying the spirochaetes, the cure must be lasting.

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### MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS.

With the merits or the demerits of the difficulty that has arisen between Dr. Helen MacMurchy and the Management Committee of the Board of Education, we do not propose to say much at present.

On the question of medical school inspection we have on several occasions expressed our views. We have always taken the ground that prevention is much better than cure. We hold that the money expended in this way will be one of those instances where the investment will yield the hundredfold profit.

Two opinions are advanced by opposing sections of the community in most cities where medical inspection is being introduced. One of these claim that it should be under the city Medical Health Officer and the other that it should be under the Board of Education. With this latter opinion we are in entire accord.

Medical inspection of schools is a matter that belongs to the welfare of the schools. The inspector is engaged by the Board of Education and paid out of the funds at the disposal of the said Board. The dismissal of the inspector is also a power vested in the Board of Education. The regulation of the inspector's duties should also be laid down by the Board.

It might be that the best plan would not be chosen at first; but experience brings daylight in such matters. It would have been so in Toronto. It might be the opinion of some that Dr. Helen MacMurchy acted with undue haste. No one will question her motives, as no doubt she was actuated by the best of intentions for the good of the schools. It might have been better to have gone on with the duties assigned her by the Board and made the best of conditions, and to have approached the Board in the usual way with suggestions that would make the inspection more efficient, and render the work of the medical inspectors more easily carried out.