

There are five points in the Ottawa plan regarding the examination and inspection and what it includes:—

1. All children isolated by the teachers as suspected cases of contagious diseases.
2. All children who have been absent from school.
3. Children returning after previous exclusion.
4. Children referred by teacher for diagnosis.
5. Children previously ordered under treatment.

Dr. Shirreff mentions that in the plan the teachers would pick out the children, who would then be examined, and the parents notified of the results of the examination by the inspector, so that they could call in their own physician. The inspector would visit the schools at eight o'clock every morning, and the children designated by the teachers would be taken into a special room and examined. Many imagined that the work would be of an indiscriminate nature, when in reality it would be done through the teachers, and no child who was not indicated by the teacher would be examined. The diseases which would exclude children from school under this inspection are: scarlet fever, diphtheria, tonsillitis, measles, German measles, mumps, smallpox, chicken pox, whooping cough, ring worms, contagious skin diseases and pediculosis.

The St. John Board of Health.

The Medical Health Officer of the city of St. John, N.B., reports last year a busy one for the Board of Health inspectors. The campaign to compel owners of properties to install modern plumbing fixtures in their houses has been productive of much improvement along that line, although much yet remains to be done. Mr. James Howard, inspector of plumbing, reports that during the year, from Nov. 1st, 1910, to Oct. 31st, 1911, the total number of all new plumbing fixtures installed was 933. Of this, 456 were patent closets. These improvements were put into 51 new houses, and 171 old houses. Mr. Howard made altogether 230 tests of plumbing fixtures, and two tests for escaping sewage. He wrote out 272 special reports, and made 291 preliminary inspections.

During the twelve months just ended Mr. Solomon McConnell, inspector for the

Board, made 173 special inspections. He placarded 139 houses for scarlet fever and diphtheria, and left 68 notices of contagious diseases at the Public Library and office of the Board of School Trustees. Mr. McConnell attended sixteen meetings of the Board, and made 138 miscellaneous calls to various parts of the city. The number of premises disinfected during the year was 297. He visited houses in which were 87 cases of tuberculosis, and left literature on the proper treatment of the disease. There were 53 cases of infectious diseases which came under his notice, and 28 cases of typhoid fever. In addition, Mr. McConnell wrote out and delivered 162 milk licenses to small stores and 225 post cards to doctors on which to return information of cases of infectious diseases to the Board.

To Encourage Ontario Insane to Seek Treatment.

At a conference of medical superintendents of the Ontario hospitals for the insane at the Parliament Buildings in Toronto recently, it was decided to confer with the Provincial Secretary and ask the Ontario Government to put into force a system which would encourage voluntary admission to asylums whereby people would ask for treatment instead of being compelled to undergo it.

The question of fire protection at each institution was given consideration, and the manner in which fire drill is regularly carried out was briefly described by each superintendent.

The training of nurses and the regulations affecting the attendants, their duties, hours on duty, wages, holidays, and suggestions for improving all the conditions incident to those engaged in nursing and caring for those mentally afflicted were discussed.

Winnipeg's New Isolation Hospital.

The accompanying illustration shows the design for the new isolation hospital being erected by the city of Winnipeg.

This design was submitted in competition with thirteen others, and won by Herbert B. Rugh,

The arrangement of the different rooms was pronounced by the hospital expert and jury of award, as the best layout they had ever seen for an institution for the treat-