

- (2) The Central or City Hall District, from Yonge Street to University Avenue, and from College Street to Queen Street, covering an area of 142 acres.

Number of houses visited in this district, 1,653.

- (3) The Niagara Street District, from Bathurst Street to Shaw Street, and from Queen Street to the Bay, covering an area of 254 acres.

Number of houses visited in this district, 731.

- (4) From Parliament Street to the Don, and from Queen Street to Wilton Avenue.

Number of houses visited in this district, 834.

- (5) From Bathurst Street to Bellwoods Avenue, and from Queen Street to Arthur Street.

Number of houses visited in this district, 499.

- (6) From Spadina Avenue to Bathurst Street and from Front Street to King Street.

Number of houses visited in this district, 151, making in all 4,696 houses inspected in these six districts.

In addition to these, there were a number of small groups of houses in different parts of the City, including sections of the district known as Shacktown.

These investigations, as hereinafter set forth, have fully demonstrated that we are confronted with the problem of a great city. There are few conditions found in the slums of European cities, or in the greater American cities, that have not been revealed in Toronto, the difference being only one of degree, and the conditions of the lesser degree to-day will, if not corrected, become those of the greater degree to-morrow. In fact, conditions have been revealed quite as bad in character as any in either European or American cities, but fortunately these are thus far limited in extent.

SOME OF THE CONDITIONS REVEALED.

The following conditions peculiar to great cities are found to be present to a lamentable extent: rear houses, dark rooms, tenement houses, houses unfit for habitation, inadequate water supply, unpaved and filthy yards and lanes, sanitary conveniences so-called which because of their position or condition, or for various other reasons, have become a public nuisance, a menace to public health, a danger to public morals, and, in fact, an offence against public decency.

The conditions revealed to our inspectors forcefully set forth the necessity for prompt action. Some houses were so inaccessible that they were at first missed, even by experienced inspectors. A woman, whose house was thus omitted, was quite pleased when the inspector returned, to whom she said: "If there is a house hereabouts that needs inspection it is mine." The house could be reached only by a curious tunnel-like