

kept in the best condition. Greater cleanliness of these two important places should be insisted upon.

FOOD STORES.—A campaign against exposure of foods outside of stores has been successfully carried on for several years and now there is little occasion for criticism in this respect.

HOSPITALS.

The hospital facilities for treatment of tuberculosis, scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhoid fever, and smallpox have already been mentioned under the heading of Communicable Diseases.

The St. John General Hospital is prepared to care for 125 medical and surgical patients in an old and badly crowded building. No doubt, as good work as possible is done under the unfortunate conditions.

The St. John Infirmary, conducted by the Sisters of Charity, is a much newer and better equipped general hospital with beds for fifty patients. A wing to accommodate eighteen maternity cases is soon to be opened.

The only facilities for maternity cases at the present time are provided by the Salvation Army at the Evangeline Maternity Hospital, where a good but somewhat limited work is done. The home for abandoned or orphan children connected with the hospital is filling an unfortunate need which every community is bound to feel, and the home should receive greater support.

Several other institutions, such as the Home for Incurables, Old People's Home, Children's Home, and the Provincial Hospital for the Insane, are located in or near St. John.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

A small, poorly equipped laboratory was formerly conducted in the General Hospital by the Provincial Bacteriologist, who received a salary of \$500 per year. All examinations of specimens were made by him but, according to reports from about the Province, the arrangement gave poor service.

At the present time, there are no facilities whatever