

## CHAPTER 34.

### An Act to amend the Act respecting the Public Health.

*Assented to 23rd April, 1887.*

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1. Whenever a case of smallpox, cholera, scarlatina, diphtheria, whooping cough, measles, mumps, glanders, or other contagious disease, exists in any house or household belonging to which are persons attending school, the householder shall, within eighteen hours of the time such disease is known to exist, notify the head teacher of such school or schools, and also the secretary of the Local Board of Health, of the existence of such disease; and no member of such household shall attend school until a certificate has been obtained from the Medical Health Officer, or legally qualified medical practitioner, that infection no longer exists in the house, and that the sick person, house, clothing and other effects have been disinfected to his satisfaction; and until such certificate shall have been obtained, it shall be the duty of every member of the household, and of the teacher, to use all reasonable efforts to prevent the association of members of the said household with other children.

*Re school protection against infectious diseases.*

(2) Whenever the Local Board of Health, or any of its officers or members knows of the existence in any house of smallpox, cholera, scarlatina, diphtheria, whooping cough, measles, mumps, glanders, or other contagious disease, they shall at once notify the head or other master of the school or schools at which any member of the household is in attendance; and should it not be evident that said member has not been exposed to said diseases, or any of them, the teacher must forthwith prevent such further attendance until the several members present a certificate stating, that infection no longer exists, as provided in the preceding sub-section.

(3) Whenever a teacher in any school has reason to suspect that any pupil has, or that there exists in the home of any pupil any of the above mentioned diseases, he shall be required to notify the Medical Health Officer or, where none such exists, the Local Board of Health on forms supplied by the school authorities, in order that evidence may be had of the truthfulness of the report; and he shall further be required to prevent the attendance of said pupil or pupils until medical evidence of the falsity of the report has been obtained.