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## UPON MILK AND TYPHOID FEVER.

Once again, after an interval of some few years, we in Montreal are brought face to face with an epidemic of typhoid fever, obviously due to the milk supply and narrowly limited to those obtaining their milk from an individual dealer. While we cannot but feel some sympathy with the dealer, who from the first intimation that anything was wrong would seem to have done all that lay in his power to prevent the spread of the disease and who is temporarily ruined by the misfortune which, unwittingly, he has brought to so many households, we cannot allow this feeling to overweigh or indeed to approach our concern for the many families into which a terrible anxiety, and indeed in some few cases actual mourning, has been brought by a criminal disregard or ignorance of the ordinary rules of hygiene. For some one has certainly been careless of the danger accruing to public health which ensues from faulty water supply. At some one point or other the water employed to wash the cans or the vessels in which the milk was placed, had become contaminated from typhoid excreta.

The important question that ought to be immediately answered is how we in Montreal, as indeed in other large cities throughout the Dominion, are to legislate in order to prevent such epidemics as typhoid through milk. Preventable they are, and prevented they must be.