

tific policemen, equipped with powerful breech-loading microscopes, will ceaselessly hunt down the foe.

At last the Montreal Board of Health have decided to enforce the law regarding compulsory vaccination. In the meantime the variola fire has burned low for want of fuel, there being only eleven deaths from the disease on one day of last week.

It has been decided to serve a copy of the *Official Gazette* containing the law on the subject upon everyone who refuses or who has refused to permit himself to be vaccinated. Whether the matter will be further pressed or not remains to be seen.

At least one Municipality refuses to take any precautions or to adopt any effective method of repressing the disease. There is no placarding, no attempt at isolation, no public vaccination—only a stupid, apathetic, and ignorant trust in *le bon Dieu* who sent the scourge. It looks as if the disease will die out there only when every unprotected person has taken it. Why not bring matters to a crisis? If every one there *must* have small-pox why not have a grand mass-meeting for the purpose of contracting it—so get the agony over at once.

Unless the Central Board are determined to enforce vaccination in the locality referred to this appears to me to be the most logical procedure that can be devised.

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THE SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC.

We are sure all our readers will be glad to learn that the death-rate from smallpox in Montreal is rapidly decreasing. There is every appearance that, by the end of the year, the disease will probably have disappeared. We regret to hear, however, that it continues to spread throughout the Province.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Shaw (M.D. McGill, 1882,) has commenced practice in St. Johns, Que.

Dr. Robert Howard of St. Johns, Que., has been confined to bed for the past two months, suffering from a form of spinal disease. His condition is considered very critical. We are sure his many friends will hear of this with great regret.

Dr. Rowell (M.D., McGill College, 1884) has commenced practice in Montreal. At present he is lecturing on anatomy at Bishop's College for Dr. Gardner, the professor of that branch, whose whole time is occupied with his duties as physician to