

Letters from residents of St. Anne de Laparade and Ste. Casimir de Portneuf, two small towns between Quebec and Three Rivers, brought inspectors from the Provincial Board of Health hurrying to those municipalities. The letters aver that smallpox is raging, and that the local authorities are taking no precautions to stay the spread of the disease. The local visiting inspectors have found very many cases, and report that there is great disregard of the most essential precautions. The college there has been placed under quarantine, as cases of the disease were found there. During the past month no less than 56 municipalities throughout the province have made open declarations of smallpox, while there are doubtless others that have been hiding the presence of the disease.

Black smallpox and hemorrhagic smallpox have broken out in the Province of Quebec. The epidemic of mild cases which was allowed to take its own course practically has been followed by the virulent disease, which swept the province 20 years ago, causing 6,000 deaths in Montreal alone in one year. The outbreak is at present confined to the Quebec district.

Medical reciprocity between the different provinces of Canada was approved a few days ago by the Legislature of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec. It is the application of the Roddick Federal Bill to the Province of Quebec. It will be remembered that the Roddick Bill is not to come into force until the Legislatures of all the provinces have enacted legislation accepting its provisions. The new provincial law will provide that any person coming from any other province, and duly registering in the Canadian Medical Register, that shall be established in pursuance of the Roddick Bill, shall be entitled to a license to practise medicine, surgery and obstetrics in the Province of Quebec.

WESTERN PROVINCES.

Fire broke out before daylight on 2nd February in one of the lower wards in the new Children's Hospital on Main Street, Winnipeg, directly beneath where twenty little patients were sleeping, and furnished a demonstration of pluck and presence of mind on the part of the nurses in charge. The fire gained such headway that before it was got under control three thousand dollars' damage was done. But while the fire was being fought, the nursing staff quickly and without flurry wrapped up the little ones in blankets, it being more than twenty below zero, and carried all to safety. The fire started at 5.45 o'clock, and was under control in an hour.