

INFANT MORTALITY.

TO THE HON. W. J. HANNA,
Provincial Secretary.

SIR,—All over the world interest in Infant Mortality has been increasing. In Canada this was marked in 1911. It has been the subject of numerous public addresses. The chief newspapers in Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Peterborough, London and Berlin have devoted leading articles to this subject. The *Kingston Daily Whig* says: "It is a great problem and the Provincial Government should try and solve it."

The *Montreal Daily Star* emphasizes the duty of the large cities of Canada in regard to Infant Mortality.

The *Ottawa Free Press* says: "Governments in this country spend hundreds of thousands to teach the farmer how to raise colts and calves and pigs. Not a dollar is spent to teach the mother how to rear her young. The light seems to be breaking, however, and it is to be hoped that the Ontario Government will initiate steps to carry out the recommendations of its investigator."

The *Peterborough Examiner* says: "Herein is raised a more important question than reciprocity or tariffs. These have to do with our pockets; but the question of marriage of the fit or unfit has to do with the quality of our homes, the good or bad quality of our population."

NO EXCUSE.

The *Toronto World* says: "There will be no excuse for us until we have a very much better rate. In fact, the death-rate for babies ought to be less than that for adults. Young fathers and mothers ought to take pains to learn the few necessary things which babies need to keep them living and well."

It remarks in another issue, referring to a table in the Second Report showing the relative Infant Mortality of all the cities of Ontario: "Does the City Council wish to get Toronto any lower on this list?"

ENQUIRIES ABOUT INFANT FEEDING.

Interest has been shown further by a number of letters received at the Provincial Secretary's Department. Some of these letters have asked for information as to the feeding of infants, and a few notes on that subject have, therefore, been added to this Report.

LETTERS FROM ABROAD.

Other letters came from London, Liverpool, Edinburgh, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, Australia, and New Zealand. From the Department of Health in Chicago came a request for 50 copies of the Report for the