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SMALL POX.

THE people of Montreal are undergoing a severe ordeal through the ravages of this deadly and most loathsome disease. The ignorance or superstition which refuses to employ the simple process of vaccination in order to secure immunity from so dread a scourge is now suffering the results of its folly. Toronto is not by any means so situated as to be safe from the approach of the malady. There are lanes and alleys here as filthy as any to be found in our sister city, and no doubt we have also in our midst much of ignorance and unreasoning aversion to the safeguard of vaccination. We trust

the terrible experience our neighbors are passing through may not be thrown away either upon our city authorities in the matters of cleanliness and due precaution, or upon those of our citizens who have hitherto neglected, through carelessness or otherwise, to protect themselves against the danger of infection. Vaccination has proved itself time and again to be the surest preventive, and medical opinion the world over, with scarcely a dissenting voice, has pronounced in its favor. Do not allow foolish prejudice to prevent you from securing your own safety and that of your children by its means.

PRACTICAL SCHOOLS.

HOW would it be if we were to drop a few of the less practical studies from the list which our daughters are expected to master, and substitute others of a more practical character? Would the engagement, for instance, of a teacher of dressmaking by the trustees of one of our public schools be regarded as a startling innovation? Perhaps it might be, and yet we venture to say that it would be an innovation of positive value, one that would be hailed by many parents with intense satisfaction. Why should not growing girls, who attend our public schools, be taught to make their own and their younger sisters' clothes, and why should not such teaching, on scientific principles, form a part of the school curriculum? A school girl can buy the material for a decent dress for about one dollar, and it will cost her from \$1.50 to \$3.00 to have it made up. Why should she not make it herself so neatly and so well that she would not be ashamed to wear it when it was made? Of course many young girls are taught by their mothers to be helpful to themselves in this respect, but we think we are safe in asserting that the great majority tax the willing fingers of these same mothers or the, in many cases, scanty incomes of their fathers to a greater extent than is at all right or proper for the clothes they wear. Many a man in moderate circumstances, or with a limited income, who is endeavoring to keep his family about him, and