

ing will enable the Health Department to ameliorate the most unhealthy portions of the city.

The sub-committee is determined to pay most particular attention to public and private drainage. Before 1865 no record of the drainage of the city was kept. The system of drainage is so obscure that in too many cases it is an impossibility to have right information concerning the condition of certain sewers. Many of the main sewers seem to be in the worst state, or else not all at the proper level. For instance, on St. Catherine street, from St. Lawrence to St. Denis street, proprietors cannot drain their ground on account of the main sewer not being at a sufficient depth.

Mr. Deom, confectioner, occupies a house corner of St. Catherine and Elizabeth streets. The basement used as a workshop is damp, in some places muddy. His men, after a few days' employment, generally complain of sickness and leave. He has lost, within the year, four children. One died last Monday, 24th inst. Two died of lung affections, and two of scarlet fever, with bronchial symptoms. His medical attendant has certified that the state of the cellar contributed to their deaths. Opposite, sickness has prevailed for some months in M. Letondais' family, who gives me authority to publish this statement.

A proprietor owning a tenement house at the corner of St. Elizabeth and Dorchester streets, wanted to pass a drain through a passage leading to Dorchester street sewer. He went to enquire at the Inspector's Department about the sewer, when he was told that there was no sewer there. He was obliged to pass the drain under the house, contrary to sanitary rules. Vaccination is going to be actively pursued. Three vaccinating bureaux have been established—East, Centre, and West. The Sanitary Police are to visit from house to house, and require from parents certificates of vaccination.

If a sufficient number of children are brought to the bureaux we shall be able to furnish lymph to the medical men of the city and of the country.

The questions of milk, liquor, meat inspection, abattoirs, public baths, sanitary construction of houses, utilization of the contents of privies, measures to stamp out small-pox, hospital for contagious diseases, are all to be grasped by the sub-committee.