

effort to economise fuel at the expense of breathing foul air? A.—Not always from poverty, because I have heard school trustees blame school teachers for opening the windows and keeping on a fire. I have heard one declare that he did not see the necessity for keeping on a fire, and at the same time have the windows open.

Q.—Are the school houses properly ventilated? A.—No; they have not a sufficient cubic air space. They are, however, being improved very much in that respect but in some of them the air space is not half what it should be.

Q.—The rate-payers do not want to spend the money to build new schools? A.—No.

By Mr. HEAKES :—

Q.—I noticed in one church that I need not specify, that there were no air boxes from outside, but the air was drawn up through the floor and the same air therefore passed through the furnace and came up through the register. Do you consider that a safe method of heating? A.—No; that is done in some houses also.

Q.—I know it is done in one church in this city? A.—In some houses there is a plan by which air is brought from outside, and then there is a register close to the front door, and it draws the cold air away from the door. To that there can be no objection.

By Mr. FREED :—

Q.—Is this lack of proper ventilation due to the ignorance of the people as to what constitutes proper sanitary conditions? Yes, I think that is one of the great difficulties; but the people are improving in that respect.

Q.—Have you ever thought of any means of educating the people in that respect so as to lead them to take better care of their own health? A.—I think it would be well if lecturers were employed to give a special course under the authority of some governing body. The Provincial Board of Health has tried to do a little in that way; they have had several conventions in different parts of the Province and these have awakened a considerable amount of interest.

Q.—Are proper measures taken in Toronto to prevent unwholesome food being sold? A.—We have an inspector of meat, and an effort has been made lately by the Provincial Board of Health for inspection of other articles of food. I do not think there is any special inspection of fresh fruit and vegetables; I am not sure, I would not like to answer positively.

Q.—What measures are taken to bring before the proper authorities offenders in this regard? A.—I do not know of any other inspections beyond what I have mentioned. Under the Dominion Act there is a Dominion Analyst and any person who takes a sample of food to him can have it analyzed.

By Mr. WALSH :—

Q.—Is there a Dominion Analyst in Toronto? A.—Yes, Professor Ellis of the University.

By Mr. FREED :—

Q.—Are the people in Toronto supplied with lake water or are there wells in the city? A.—There are still some wells.

Q.—Do you regard the well water as wholesome? A.—No, except in the new parts of the city. Away up in the north-west of the city there is a district that has not yet been inhabited and for a time the water from the wells there might be wholesome; but, eventually, they will become foul in any case from surface contamination and if the people are allowed to dig privy pits it will very rapidly become foul.

Q.—Privy pits are still permitted in some parts of the city? A.—I think they are still being made. I do not know whether they are permitted or not permitted, or whether they are made in spite of the authorities. With respect to the privy pits in different parts of the city, I think that when the wells become very foul they may be closed. I know the health officer has power to order them to be closed, but the work in that respect is very slowly done.