

colleges, so as to reach a basis of action for the solution of the question of interprovincial medical registration in Canada.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Bad Ventilation Causes Broncho-Pneumonia.—All influences depressing to life, such as overwork, fatigue, the air of badly ventilated and crowded houses, insufficient food, and defects of hygiene, predispose to broncho-pneumonia. Bad or imperfect ventilation is, therefore, to be studiously corrected, for broncho-pneumonia is a common, serious, and fatal disease, causing more deaths among children under five years of age than any other disease except infantile diarrhea. In old people, it occurs during influenza, erysipelas, typhoid fever, Bright's disease and organic disease of the heart. The inhalation variety of the disease occurs in comatose states, and there are other forms of it, such as miners' broncho-pneumonia, steel-grinders' broncho-pneumonia, tubercular broncho-pneumonia. In the young, it is sometimes idiopathic; but it is frequently a complication of infectious diseases, such as measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping-cough, and smallpox. One wonders if an infectious disease may be directly causative of broncho-pneumonia, or if the complication may be brought about by a draughty sick-room, insufficient covering of the patient at night, or some other effective means of chilling the surface of the patient's body. In the Bulletin of the Chicago School of Sanitary Instruction, a notable increase of pneumonia in Chicago (November, 1908) is credited to foul air caused by closed windows; to prevent the danger, people are advised to open windows, and keep them open day and night all the year. The advice is sound, but requires some qualification. An open window is beneficial to the health of the occupants of a room; but to sit at an open window may prove dangerous to children convalescing from measles, diphtheria or whooping-cough. To expose such patients, with uncovered heads, at open doors and windows, or to let them play in draughty corridors, may prove the starting-point of broncho-pneumonia.

Ice Cream in Canada.—Bulletin No. 162 (Laboratory of the Inland Revenue Department, Ottawa) contains some interesting