

have a local committee appointed for each province where the number of members will warrant the extra expense, with representatives from different districts and a solicitor or counsel to advise in regard to actions arising in such province. Up to the present all the actions except two have arisen in the Province of Ontario.

WATER FILTERS.

It has been generally recognized for many years that the average water filter is absolutely worthless. It is perhaps not so generally understood that it is frequently also dangerous. One element of danger is, of course, that it cannot under the best of circumstances purify water for any length of time. The *Chicago Health Bulletin* speaks as follows: "The common tap filters are not only worthless but are actually harmful because they do not stop any of the bacteria—only the organic matter, such as vegetables and animal detritus. Now, when the water is shut off, a few bacteria remaining upon this animal matter find it to be a suitable food, and as a result they increase enormously in numbers, so that the next water drawn through the tap filter washes them out; and the longer such a filter is used the more bacteria are found in the water which it filters. Stone or porcelain filters are of value, but only if properly cleaned. During the first few hours such a filter is used, the bacteria being so small pass through the pores of the filter. These pores finally become clogged with bacteria. Then after a number of hours, depending upon the pressure, the water will be free from bacteria, but after a day or so the bacteria grow through the filter and the water is again contaminated. Therefore, the first water coming from such a filter should be rejected and the filter itself should be boiled and thoroughly cleansed every two or three days."

AUTOMOBILES FOR MEDICAL MEN.

We are told that the trolley car and the horse will soon be driven from the crowded streets of our cities by the automobile. During the last twelve months the automobile output in the