dence which exists is hardly sufficient to establish an inherited specific predisposition to the disease by the offspring of leprous parents to any appreciable degree." They also produce strong arguments against any direct hereditary predisposition.

Although leprosy must be classed among the contagious diseases, the risk of contagion is so small that it may practically be disregarded for, in no case could contagion, or the possibility of it, be demonstrated free from objection, the disease does not spread sufficiently among the members of a family, or from husband to wife, and leper communities have never acted as centres of contagion.

Defective hygiene, either personal or general, is a probable predisposing cause, although it does not originate leprosy.

The bacilli have never been found in fish, and many cases of the disease have occurred among certain castes, the members of which are forbidden to eat fish, so this theory of the causation is entirely rejected.

The question of the influence of salt on the spread of leprosy is discussed, but as a few pence will purchase a year's supply of this necessity the price of it cannot have much effect on the spread of the disease, especially as the increase or decrease in the price of salt by no means tallies with the geographical distribution of the increase or decrease of the disease.

They are of the opinion that leprosy is not a form of syphilis as lepers may acquire syphilis subsequently to acquiring the leprosy.

There is no evidence to warrant a belief in a connection between water, either for bathing or drinking, and the spread of leprosy.

The most valuable medicinal agents so far employed are arsenic and chaulmoogra oil. Surgical treatment may be applied as to any other patient.

Tuberculin is of no therapeutic value, and is not altogether free from danger.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

The dispute which has been going on for some time regarding representation of the profession on the council has been settled at last. The *Canada Lancet* sums up the changes in