

The PRESIDENT : I may say, referring to the problem of water supply, that my idea was that somebody who had any intimate knowledge of the strata of the locality should locate the wells for those who wish to have them put down instead of locating them in the old fashioned way, laying down a log and letting the chickens run on it or sending a man around with a stick. Very often, in such cases if the water closet interferes, it has to be moved and the well goes down there. I brought the question forward in order, if possible, to have the present practice changed. If a better system could be carried out in our rural districts, we should have a better class of water than we get.

The SECRETARY : I have here a report that should have come up with the minutes. It relates to a committee of the Association which was appointed last year, consisting of Dr. Cassidy, Prof. Shuttleworth and myself, to carry out some experiments in the use of formaldehyde as a disinfectant. We have not done much practical work, but we wish to submit a report of what we have done and ask leave to continue the experiments.

#### REPORT UPON FORMALDEHYDE DISINFECTION.

Your committee has not been able during the past year to devote as much time as we would like to practical tests of the various methods of formaldehyde disinfection and it therefore begs leave to submit a short report upon the present state of the question and requests permission to sit again.

During the past year formaldehyde has begun to be used by health officers throughout the Province as a means of practical disinfection of houses.

In one municipality, Galt, whose Health Officer is present to-day, one of the methods of converting methyl alcohol into formaldehyde gas has been used. He will be able to personally state his experience. In practically all the other municipalities where formaldehyde disinfection has been adopted, the Sanitary Construction Company's machine has been used. These have been Ottawa, Picton, Berlin, Port Stanley and one or two others. To a certain extent tests of the