

- (a) Ferris—unorganized.
- (b) Bonfield—unorganized.
- 6. North Nipissing District—
- (a) Springer.—organized including Sturgeon Falls.
- (b)
- (c)
- 7. Sudbury District—Physician in Sudbury.
- 8. Chapleau District—Dr. Arthurs, (C.P.R.)
unorganized.
- 9. Algoma Mills District—Dr. Struthers, (C.P.R.)
- 10. Schreiber District—
- 11. Byng Inlet—
- 12. Manitoulin Island District—
- 13. Haliburton District—
Townships.
- 14. Minden District—
Townships.
- 15. Kinmount District—
Townships.

This summary of Districts while tolerably complete, might yet be extended; but for present purposes temporary organization on this basis may be considered. Without discussing the various possible ways of dealing with the problem, it may be said, that, after due consideration the following plan would seem to suggest itself as being the most practicable.

1st. For the Districts named, with such alteration as a more intimate knowledge of the directions in which communications are found easiest, it is desirable that physicians be appointed who might be called District Medical Health Officers, and who through such amendment of the Public Health Act, as the Law Officers may find necessary, would be clothed with all the powers at present laid upon Medical Health Officers of Municipalities, and such other powers as the conditions might require. Their duty would be to exercise a general sanitary supervision of their Districts and give the District Sanitary Inspectors such aid in the stamping out of outbreaks of disease as the emergency might demand. They need not be while regularly appointed, expected to act except when specially called upon by the Inspectors.

2nd. For each of the various settlements separated often by many miles there would seem to be but one method of giving them effective aid and that would be by having in each some competent man, a Provincial policeman where possible, appointed a Sub-District Sanitary Inspector, with

all the powers at present laid upon Sanitary Inspectors of Municipalities, together with such additional duties as the conditions might demand. Amendment to the Public Health Act, would in this case likewise, be needed. These officers would be on regular duty at all times, and on them would devolve the every day inspection and supervision of the sub-district set apart to each.

Should a case of zymotic disease occur, he should be empowered to at once by methods prescribed from time to time by the Board, so act as to isolate the patient, or family as the case may be, see that the District Medical Health Officer—if no family physician was available—give professional service at their own or the public expense, as each case may require.

Water-supplies, cleanliness of premises, and such regular sanitary work as is carried on in any efficiently supervised municipality, would give these officials abundant work, while it would educate the people to the observance of sanitary law, until such time as the development of settlement would cause them to be organized on a self-governing basis. The work of organizing this system will demand much careful attention in order that the most effective results can be obtained, and the fewest possible mistakes in details made.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the report and that a committee of the Board be empowered to present the urgency of the matter to the Minister of the Department, in order that he may take such measures as will best carry out the views of the Board. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed { FRANCIS RAE,
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Adopted.

Feb. 14th, 1889. FRANCIS RAE,
Chairman.

The following is Dr. Lehman's report on the sanitary condition of the Nipissing district, during the closing months of the past year. Dr. Lehman, having been specially appointed to examine into and report on the causes which seem to be productive of diphtheria and allied disorders in that sparsely settled region, has taken pains to obtain accurate information on the matters in question and our readers will find his narrative both interesting and instructive. His report was read immedi-