

At Friday's session the first paper dealt with Flies, particularly the house fly, as a means of spreading disease, more particularly Typhoid and Dysentery, in which the infective agents are given off in the excreta and which are caused by infection of the food or water supplies. These reports dealt with several local epidemics of these diseases believed to have been so spread. The recent report of the United States Commissioners on the outbreak of Typhoid in the soldiers, at the Chickamauga Camp, as is well known, ascribed to flies the role of infection carriers. Last August the reporter examined into the causation of an outbreak of "bad" cheese in a factory in the county of Northumberland and it was patent that flies were in this case the carriers of certain putrefactive bacteria to which the foul cheese was due. Nearly all the remaining papers of this, the closing session, were read by titles only, owing to scarcity of time. All will be published in full in the transactions of the Society.

The city of Ottawa officially, and the citizens privately, did all in their power to make the Association welcome, and right well did they succeed.

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#### THE KINGSTON MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY.

THE Society resumed its monthly meetings after the summer vacation, on Monday, October 3rd, the President, Dr. Herald, in the chair, and 14 members present. The report of the committee appointed to formulate bye-laws to govern the Society in matters of general medical defence of its members was adopted, viz:—That a clause be inserted in the constitution of this Society pledging support to any member thereof, against whom an action may be instituted for malpractice, or for damages on account of an opinion expressed in the discharge of his professional duties; provided that in each case this Society, or a committee thereof, on investigation, find such charges to be ill, or wrongfully founded. The Committee on an open meeting were unanimous that such a meeting should be held and advised a date in January as the best period to hold such. To this meeting practitioners from the sur-