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THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

The second quarterly meeting of this Board began at Dr. Bryce's office April 3rd, 11 a.m. Present—Dr. Macdonald, chairman; Dr. Bryce, secretary, and Drs. Cassidy, Rae, Kitchen, Covernton and Vaux. The minutes of the first quarterly meeting and of a special meeting held on March 11th having been read and adopted, the Secretary read a number of letters. One was from the owner of a building at Strathroy, which had been used as a small-pox hospital and subsequently burned down by some unknown persons. The owner wanted compensation from the Government. He was advised to refer the matter to arbitration. Mr. Doran, S.M., who resides at North Bay, sent an account for services rendered in connection with an epidemic at Warren. A lengthy correspondence from Chapleau, a village on the C.P.R., in one of the unorganized townships, was read. Chapleau has a population of about 600, but it is not yet a municipality. Diphtheria is prevalent. Dr. McKenzie, a physician

employed by the C.P.R. Co., had been asked to take charge of the village, nominally as Sanitary Inspector, owing to the fact that the police magistrate of Sault Ste. Marie was, by the Health Act, *ex officio* the Medical Health Officer. Dr. Bryce had advised him to placard houses and to employ sanitary police. Dr. McKenzie will send his account to the Provincial Board of Health. A lengthy petition was also presented, asking that Mr. H. A. West, of Chapleau, be made a provincial constable to assist Dr. McKenzie.

Dr. Baker, Secretary, State Board of Health, Michigan, wrote asking if the Provincial Board of Health was aware that there was scarlatina at Sault Ste. Marie. He was informed that this Board was not ignorant of the fact.

Mr. Spencer, police magistrate of Glamorgan, wrote suggesting that in the unorganized townships the school trustees of a section in which diphtheria or other infectious disease prevailed should be empowered to employ physicians and appoint sanitary police. The expenses incurred in putting down an outbreak of diphtheria in Glamorgan amounted to \$300. Glamorgan is poor, and wants