

Hamilton has reported but a small number. In Toronto, much less prevalent than a year ago, its incidence seems greater in the eastern part of the City, while a year ago it was very prevalent in the west.

#### Typhoid at Ottawa.

This disease, stated to have caused 1000 cases since October, has greatly decreased, and with the winter may be expected to further decline. The local press and citizens generally have become greatly alarmed, and have been searching for the

cause. After examining into the probabilities of milk, sewer-gas, the atmosphere being the cause of the disease, public opinion is strongly inclining to suspect the water supply. As it is pumped from the Ottawa at a point, safe at one time, but now dangerous from villages built higher up on the river, they have with all modern evidence reason to conclude that all is not *well* with the water. The Provincial Board of Health has been recently associated with the Local Health Committee in investigating the cause, and its report will be looked forward to with interest.

### PARAGRAPHS IN GENERAL.

The Physicians' Visiting List of P. Blakiston, Son & Co., appears for '88, the 37th year of its publication, with many improvements and time-saving tables, especially the table for calculating the period of utero-gestation; we find it in the words of their announcement: "compact, strong, most convenient, durable, light, low in price." Interleaved and uninterleaved editions, also perpetual edition to be started at any time, may be had. Prices, \$1 to \$3. Phila., P. Blakiston Son & Co.; Toronto, Williamson & Co.

Dr. P. P. Burrows, Medical Health Officer, attended the meeting of the American Public Health Association, at Memphis, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th November last, as accredited representative of the town of Lindsay. Dr. Burrows devotes his time largely to the consideration of sanitary improvement and progress, with a view to its practical application, especially in the town in which he resides. He is now an old sanitarian, being 1st Vice-President of the Ontario Executive Association of Health Officers, and a member of the Advisory Board of the American Public Health Association. This last honor was given him at its last meeting. His name appears on this Board as Ontario's representative, an honor certainly to Dr. Burrows, and the town in which he resides.

Lindsay is just now considering systems of water supply and sewage. It is proposed to make an exploratory well, and if the supply proves good, to adopt the "drive well" system. We can hardly hope for sufficient supply from Artesian wells proper. The sewerage system proposed is the "Waring" or

"separate system," with latest improvements. The town is in need of both, as the well water generally used is subject to contamination, and the old-fashioned drains, into which sewage with excreta enters, are very objectionable. The town, like others similarly situated with regard to water supply and sewerage, is subject to endemic and epidemic diseases. We may hope for an improved general health rate with their introduction.

We are pleased to hear of the success of the Weir Mitchell Sanatorium, established by Dr. A. Holford Walker, of Hamilton. It deserves the support of the profession in Canada, as medical men can here procure for their neurasthenic cases the treatment advocated by Dr. Weir Mitchell, in all its details. We understand Dr. Walker's head nurse was with Dr. Weir Mitchell for two years as masseuse, and is also a graduate of the General Hospital in Boston.

It will no doubt please our many readers to find that their confidence in FAIRCHILD'S most reliable preparations has not been misplaced. At the American Exhibition, London, Eng., the gold medal was awarded to Fairchild Bros. & Foster for "digestive ferments, extractum pancreatis, peptonising powders, pepsine, in scales, etc."

Dr. H. P. Yeomans, B.A., Mount Forest, has returned from New York, where he has been taking a course at the Post Graduate. Dr. Yeomans during his stay, examined into the various sanitary problems of New York, and made enquiries regarding education in Public Hygiene.