

carried through. Last autumn a series of sanitary clauses to be inserted as amendments to the City Charter were handed to the City Attorney, and put in legal form and presented to the Council, which decided, however, to ask for general power in health matters.

The Quebec Legislature has given the Council power to pass mostly any by-law to enable the Health Department to enforce vaccination, carry out necessary sanitary measures, and to regulate contagious diseases. The following section is that which was adopted :

" Besides the purposes for which the said city may, by section 123 of the said Act, 37 Vict., Chap 51, pass by-laws, the Council of the said city is hereby authorized to pass by-laws for the following purposes, that is to say, to enforce a complete and efficient system of vaccination, to establish offices for that purpose, to appoint officers, to authorize them to make domiciliary visits to destroy the linen, clothing, and any other article infected with small-pox or any other contagious disease, to isolate patients laboring under such diseases whensoever the said officers shall deem it necessary for the welfare of such patients, or of the public at large, to cause any person who shall have died of any of the said diseases to be buried within a short delay, and generally to take such measures as the Council of the said city may deem necessary to regulate, control, prevent, or arrest the progress of small-pox, or other contagious, endemic, or infectious disease in the said city, any law now in force to the contrary notwithstanding."

A code of sanitary by-laws has passed the Board of Health and is to be presented next Monday to the Council.

A sub-committee of the Board of Health meets every Wednesday, in order to organize and put in working order the different departments of the Board of Health. A statistical table of deaths is about to be printed weekly and distributed. Records of the death-rate, especially by zymotic and diarrhoeal diseases, and by consumption, according to street, ward, age, nationality, are to be kept. The inspection of yards, privies, cellars, lanes, drains, location of houses, reports of small-pox and typhoid cases are to be registered according to headings, in order to be able to know at any time the exact sanitary state of the different wards, even street, in relation to zymotic, diarrhoeal diseases, and consumption. This manner of sanitary book-keep-