

bution, Prof. Dale and Dr. Craig emphasized the value of exhibitions from the educational standpoint. The papers by Mrs. Smillie and Miss Hurlbatt were discussed together. Dr. Baudin stated that he would be glad to see a motion presented during the course of the Convention praying the Provincial Government to take steps leading to the establishment of a system of general inspection of all schools throughout the province. Sir James Grant and the Rev. Robt. Campbell spoke appreciatively of the results of school inspection, and particularly of the good results following the education of the mothers. Both gentlemen were of the opinion that much work of this nature could be best performed by women. Dr. Hastings, of Toronto, drew the attention of the meeting to the value of school inspection not only in so far as the control of infectious disease was concerned, but also on account of the opportunity offered to increase the general hygienic knowledge of the pupils, and through them the homes from which they come. In Toronto the doctor said classes were being held under the auspices of the Board of Education for instruction of the mothers in the care of infants and children with most gratifying results. "The importance of a law making vaccination compulsory is shown by the fact that in Toronto, where they have no such law 75 per cent. of the children in the kindergarten classes are unvaccinated. The majority of those who are vaccinated are of foreign birth." In the discussion of the papers by Dr. Blackader and Miss Babbitt emphasis again was laid upon the fact that it is by the education of the mothers that the terrible infant mortality is to be reduced. In connection with Dr. King's paper Mrs. McCarthy presented a report of the work being done at the Royal Edward Institute. Dr. Fraser B. Gurd is Secretary of this Section.

At the final business meeting, Dr. P. H. Bryce and Dr. F. Montizambert were made honorary members of the Association, Dr. Charles A. Hodgetts, Medical Adviser to the Commission of Conservation, Ottawa, was elected President for 1912, Major Lorne Drum, M.D., D.P.H., P.A.M.C., Ottawa, General Secretary, and George D. Porter, M.B., of Toronto, Treasurer; and the invitation of Toronto, that the 1912 Congress be held in that city, was accepted.

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1912 is given on advertising page II. of this issue.

Possible Changes in the Ontario Health Act.

A change in the system of health inspection is one of the probable pieces of legislation in the the next session of the Ontario Legislature.

It is said that seven inspectors will be appointed by the Government, and that they will have complete charge of all matters relating to sanitation. Their salaries, which will be adequate to the position will be assessed to the municipalities. The new scheme will probably mean the displacement of the present local officers and Boards of Health, except in the larger cities. There are about 800 in the Province at present. Reform is felt to be needed especially in small places, and in rural districts where the health officers receive only a mere pittance, and can devote only a small part of their time to the work of inspection and supervision.

The new Provincial officers, if appointed, will be under the Chief Provincial Health Officer, Dr. J. W. S. McCullough. They will be well qualified medical practitioners, who will be paid enough to let them devote all their time and attention to the important work of safeguarding the public health. For some time the Government has been considering a revision of the Health Act, and still further changes besides those outlined may be expected.

Montreal Health Board Reorganization.

It has recently been suggested by a deputation of Montreal physicians that the Health Department of that city be under the control of the Medical Health Office; that there be provided a medical library for the use of health inspectors and that lectures be given them; that all employees of this department pass examinations as to fitness and ability; that nurses can be employed so that young mothers can be instructed in the care of infants; that medical health inspectors be given good salaries and be not permitted to engage in private practice; that all cases of contagious diseases in the city be promptly reported to the health department by doctors and others; that the Health Department send to medical men of the city a monthly report