

are. A committee composed of the best available men in the city council is needed, which can resolve itself into sub-committees, and take every civic sanitary shortcoming in hand and remedy it intelligently.

The present staff of the Health department is inadequate for the demands of city like this, with two hundred thousand people and the city in such poor sanitary conditions. The health officer, his two assistants, the sanitary inspector, two or three clerks and half a dozen sanitary policemen, do these even with the assistance of the chairman of the board of health constitute a sufficient staff? No; and we should not be content with it, they are doing all in their power but that is not sufficient; a reform must and will be had. A case of smallpox in Montreal seems to create almost as much alarm in the city of New-York as a case in that city itself. Dr. J. B. Taylor of the New-York board of Health in speaking to the Tribune reporter said "Montreal is the hot bed of smallpox in this country," and he went on to attribute this to the violent opposition to vaccination met with in that city. We cannot deny the fact that one case of smallpox in Montreal is an infinitely more alarming thing than one case in New-York or London, notwithstanding that in each of those cities there is a larger and more heterogenous population than Montreal. Although London has cases of smallpox continually, no one is alarmed, and recently there were as many as ten deaths from smallpox in one week; but in London vaccination is a rule rather than an exception, and they do not wait for an epide-