

considerable expense. All the witnesses examined were unanimous in condemning the practice of depositing sawdust in the stream as a dangerous nuisance. The Government and mill owners have finally agreed to have a thorough examination of the river deposits made by Sandford Fleming, with a view to definitely ascertaining what changes have been caused in the river bed.

*Brantford* has after much deliberation adopted a plan for a system of water-works in which a somewhat modified idea of the drive well system is to be carried out. The plan is to have a pumping well or wells on the large island in the Grand River at Homedale above the city, and a gallery for leading the water, filtering into tiles laid at proper levels, to the pumping well. The large area of soil of the island is thus made the natural filter for the subterranean waters flowing down either from the higher levels, since there is a wide river valley, or for the water of the river as it flows past the upper end of the island. Nature seems to have supplied every facility to Brantford for obtaining a water supply whose purity will, we imagine, be beyond dispute.

*Goderich* is likewise contemplating a system of water-works, designed by Mr. W. Chipman, C.E., the source of the water being either Lake Huron

or an artesian well. The objection made to the latter seems to be the unusual hardness of the water. If, however, the lake water is used, it will necessitate some extension of the water pipe to a point so far above the town as to remove all danger of contamination. We understand that it has been decided to utilize the artesian well system and increase the supply by having several wells.

*Chatham* is still in tribulation, looking about amongst the several possible sources of water-supply for one at once safe and economical. They have the sluggish Thames with London sewage passing into it, near at hand, Lake Erie some twelve miles away, and another, *Chenelle Ecarté* of Lake St. Clair, about the same distance. Drive wells also are available, but the constancy of supply from these seems to be a source of doubt. We trust to soon see a satisfactory solution of the problem obtained.

*Belleville* water-works are in full operation and, so far, with much satisfaction to the citizens.

*London* sewerage system is still under discussion. A *modus vivendi* has been proposed by London with London West. What the outcome of the negotiations will be time will best determine.

## REPORTS OF SOCIETIES.

### Annual Meeting of the Ontario Medical Association.

The eighth annual meeting of the Ontario Medical Association was held in Toronto, June 13th and 14th. There was a large attendance of members of the medical profession from all parts of the province.

#### MORNING SESSION.

In the absence of the President at the commencement of the session, the preliminary exercises were presided over by Dr. Richardson. Dr. Rosebrugh, of Hamilton, the President of the Association, entered the hall shortly after the meeting opened.

*Ontario Medical Library Association.*—The first practical business disposed of was the hearing of the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting to take all necessary steps towards the establishment of a library of reference under the auspices of the association. This report was read by Dr. Graham, of this city, and after speaking of the preliminary course pursued by the committee,

stated that \$4000 had been subscribed on the principle of a Stock Association. They also secured a grant of \$250 from the Toronto Medical Association, and the use of a room from the Medical Council. They also received about 800 volumes and 7,000 pamphlets from friends of the cause throughout the province. The committee may be compelled to refuse generous offers made by well-wishers in the United States because the duty on books is so oppressive. The adoption of the report was moved by Dr. Shaw, of Hamilton, who also proposed that the Association should make a grant of \$100 towards the library fund.

Several speakers expressed themselves in favor of increasing the grant; the report of the committee, together with a motion placing \$150 at the disposal of the library committee, was carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. McPhedran, seconded by Dr. Thorburn, a resolution sympathising with Dr. Du-