

about 770 Medical Officers of Health in Ontario, and by law they are required to attend this meeting. Their expenses are paid by the local municipalities.

Papers were presented under various headings, such as: "The Duties of the Modern Medical Officer of Health in Cities and Towns," by Drs. Hastings and Dickinson.

"Communicable Diseases," including smallpox and cross-infection in isolation hospitals.

A feature of the meeting was the paper of Professor Whipple, of Harvard: "The Value of Vital Statistics in Relation to Public Health." This was an excellent paper. It was discussed by R. E. Mills of the City Health Department.

Dr. Hodgetts' paper on "Home Hygiene" provoked considerable discussion. He contended that medical inspection of schools, being part of Public Health work, should be placed under the Health Department, and not under the Board of Education, as is the case in Toronto. He claimed that the present system caused duplication of work and a waste of public money. He also objected to nurses making a diagnosis of cases. The Association evidently agreed with his views, as the members passed a resolution to be sent to the Minister of Education, asking that medical inspection of schools be transferred to the control of the Provincial Board of Health.

The City of Toronto tendered a luncheon to the members on the first day of the meeting. Mayor Hocken presided, and welcomed the visitors. Short addresses were given by Dr. Adam Wright, Dr. Hodgetts, Professor Whipple, Dr. Hastings, Dr. McCullough and Alderman Rowland, Chairman of the City Board of Health.

In the afternoon session Dr. Adam Wright gave a witty and instructive address, and Controller McCarthy, on behalf of the Mayor, gave an address of welcome. Dr. J. A. Amyot gave a public address to a large audience in the evening on the subject of "The Transmission of Communicable Disease." Motion pictures illustrating various phases of sanitary work, were provided by the Provincial Board.

On the second day the question, "Should the Medical Practitioner be Paid for Reporting Communicable Diseases, Births and Deaths?" started a lively discussion. The general opinion seemed to be that the medical man was entitled to some remuneration for this work, and a resolution was passed asking that the local municipalities be required to pay a fee of 50 cents for each birth and death, and for each case of communicable disease reported.