

in the face of conflicting systems. Sewage farms seem to be making headway at present. Let the matter be investigated thoroughly and decided once for all by the central authority, and towns can adopt the system it recommends modified only to suit the particular necessities. Agricultural legislation is being constantly made by both Governments for the benefit of the farmers, and I don't see why sewerage investigations should not be carried on for the benefit of those living in towns and cities. At any rate the question might be looked into by our Parliamentary representatives. A very sensible suggestion the HEALTH JOURNAL would say.

DR. HUTCHINSON, of London, very properly suggests that the river should always be kept at the same depth. "When this is not done, every time the water is lowered the alluvium desposited along its banks is exposed to the heat and air, creating malaria. Keeping the river always at the same depth should not interfere with the efficient working of the water-works machinery, for, as the water at the drain is lowered, the force exerted against the two turbine wheels is proportionally less, and more water is required to work the engines up to the same power—a useless waste of water. The river is thus lowered five or six inches. Where the banks are steep this matters little, but where the water is shallow, which is the case from Kensington Bridge to the Cove, this fall of a few inches means the periodical exposure of hundreds of square yards of residuary deposit to the action of the air and sun.

DR. EVANS, of Picton, states that a by-law has been passed granting \$30,000 for the construction of water works in Picton. He considers the source from which the water will be taken to be impure and unfit for drinking purposes. No general system of vaccination has been adopted there for the last four years since an outbreak of small-pox at that time; consequently, a great number of the children attending the public schools are unprotected against an attack of this disease. Is not this a common condition

in other towns? The HEALTH JOURNAL would like to know.

DR. HUSBAND, of Preston, "thinks that if it were suggested to the School Board that no pupil be admitted to the school without furnishing proof of successful vaccination, they would add one more to their nearly perfect rules and regulations."

DR. SINCLAIR, of St. Marys, wisely and strongly urges for supervision of the milk supply in that town. "An inspection ought to be made of the cows to see that they are all healthy, that they get a good supply of pure water, that they are properly housed and cared for, that the ventilation of the stables in which they are kept is what it ought to be, that they are kept clean, that no impurities of any kind are in or around the buildings that would have a tendency to taint the milk in any way,—in fact, it is impossible to be too particular upon this one article of diet. It is only necessary for any member of the Board to read section 113, sub-sections 10 and 11 of the Health Act, to ascertain his duty on this very important matter.

DR. HENDERSON of Strathroy calls the attention of the Council to the advisability of securing a building that could be used as a hospital for a time when they are visited by epidemics of malignant diseases, so that isolation could be properly carried out by having those first attacked removed to where they could be properly looked after by a competent nurse or the mother of the family. The head of the family could then follow his usual occupation, and his residence need not be placarded; and very much of this outlay would be required for the support of the family, and the prospects of recovery very much increased.

DR. BOGART, of Whitby, states that: "Owing to the sanitary measures adopted in the fall of 1887, we have had a comparatively healthy year. During the dry hot weather we had a few cases of typhoid fever of a mild type, none proving fatal.

DR. COVENTRY, of Windsor, says the large addition of 8,331 feet of water mains laid last year, will bring the water within the reach of many who