

The city of Quebec has realized this by placing a hospital of this kind at the disposal of the public. The establishment of this hospital met the needs of the population, comparatively less numerous than here, so well that the public which, as a rule, has an instinctive horror for hospitals, soon became familiar with the thing, and its usefulness and necessity was so well understood that in a very short time, not only transient persons, the residents in hotels and boarding houses, and sick servants went there, but citizens of all classes took advantage of it for the isolation and special treatment of their sick children. It seems that what has been commenced in Quebec and what is done elsewhere with success in the public interest, Montreal, which has already so often given the example and taken the lead in matters of hygiene, might also do, for the need is still greater here than elsewhere, on account of the density of the population.

The Province of Quebec Board of Health submit these considerations to the serious attention of your Council, trusting that it will practically deal with them. Besides, judging from the excellent disposition manifested by His Worship the Mayor in his inaugural address, we have every reason to believe that Montreal will not allow this flaw in its sanitary organization to exist any longer, and that before long it will have its civic hospital for the treatment of all contagious diseases. I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

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PUBLIC URINALS A NECESSITY.

A writer in the *Doctor's Weekly* estimates that not less than fifteen thousand dollars is spent daily in the saloons and taverns of New York by persons who, but for the privilege of using the urinals, would not enter such places. The mere fact that such an amount of money is daily thrown away, nay worse, spent upon something which is absolutely harmful, should make health boards think and temperance societies get up in arms.

What is true of New York is true of all other large cities. For instance Montreal, with a population of about one-tenth