

With this object, the following suggestions are offered in the hope that they may direct the attention of those in whose hands they may be placed, towards preparing for a possible invasion, and stamping it out as soon as any case is known in any city, town, village, or hamlet, in the Dominion.

It may be first necessary to consider what Cholera is.

WHAT IS CHOLERA?

Mr. Ernest Hart, the able editor of the "British American Journal," defines it "as a filth disease carried by dirty people to dirty places." We consider that this definition may be universally accepted.

The germ of the Cholera, without which the disease cannot develop, is like the germs of all infectious epidemic diseases, a microscopic organism of the lowest type, which develops and grows in decaying organic matter. It was first discovered by Prof. Koch a few years ago, and called the comma bacillus. Bacteriologists have been able to cultivate these germs in their laboratories. Their nature and habits can be carefully studied and are pretty well known.

Cholera being a filth disease, in order to diffuse it over the world there are required three factors for its cultivation and spread, viz. :—

- 1st. A centre of population for its cradle.
- 2nd. A ship or boat for its transport.
- 3rd. A number of towns properly prepared for its reception and development.

In other words, Cholera originates and gathers headway in foul places, follows in the pathway of commerce chiefly along water courses and seeks the purlieus of cities and towns where the germs or bacilli are propagated.

Cholera, in the same way as other epidemics, is always more prevalent and fatal in unsanitary localities. It has been known time and again to pass by towns in Asia and Europe where sanitary arrangements were complete; and also in America, during the previous epidemics, in some of the largest cities, it has been known to pass around clean and well drained places. The experience of all the visitations of Cholera has been well defined.