

Your Committee would call the attention of the Board to the fact of the proposed regulations *re* scarlatina, submitted for approval, being still under consideration, and would urge that the need of these regulations be again brought before the attention of the Minister.

The several communications presented with regard to outbreaks of contagious disease in the unorganized municipalities accentuate what has been said before with regard to the necessity for some more systematic organization, whereby the Board will be enabled to deal more satisfactorily with outbreaks when they occur.

Under the Act of 1889, much valuable work has been done by the stipendiary and police magistrates; but inasmuch as there are a number of growing committees without municipal organizations, and therefore without any means for giving financial support, it has been impossible with the grant at the disposal of the Board to organize any permanent health organization in these places. Your Committee would suggest that some recommendations be made with a view to so amending the Municipal or Education Act as to make provision for some kind of incorporation into either villages or police villages, such as will meet the needs of the case. There are, moreover, growing up in many centres villages around mining companies and lumber camps, where much capital is invested, and which are amply able, from the financial standpoint, to maintain a good health supervision of their districts. A thorough inspection of these should be made with a view to making suggestions as to water-supply, an isolated

building for the sick, and, where absent, arrangements for the regular attendance of a medical man.

Your Committee would, therefore, present the report for your consideration, trusting that some means will be discovered for adequately dealing with the important health interests of a district extending from Mattawa to Rat Portage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Toronto, *April 3rd*, 1895.

SPECIAL REPORT RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICERS.

Read by Dr. Bryce.

To the Chairman and Members of the Provincial Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN,—There has naturally grown up with the development of public health work throughout the Province, a certain feeling in many municipalities for some more exact methods for dealing with the questions which arise within the borders of our several counties than can be developed under our present municipal health boards. The essential reason for this will be admitted by those who have been observers in this work, viz., that the amounts of money which are commonly spent by local boards of health at present are not sufficient to produce any definite attention being paid to health work, unless under the pressure of an outbreak of small-pox, or occasionally of diphtheria, if it becomes epidemic.

To illustrate this, I take the amounts of money expended under the leading local boards of health in