

A smoker on the evening of the 16th, a garden party on the grounds of Sir Edmund Osler on the afternoon of the 17th, a dinner on the evening of the 17th were among the functions of the gathering, and a musicale at the King Edward given by Col. and Mrs. A. G. Gooderham.

Two resolutions were passed to the effect that there should be a federal department of health and that it should be made unlawful to discharge raw sewage into a river or open body of water.

Dr. J. W. T. McCullough was elected president. His Royal Highness Duke of Connaught was again made patron. The honorary vice-patrons are Lord Strathcona and Hon. R. L. Borden. The secretary is Major Lorne Drum and the treasurer is Dr. George D. Porter.

The next place of meeting is Regina.

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#### CROSS-EYED MEN BARRED.

Men who squint or are cross-eyed can no longer become engineers, firemen, trainmen, or brakemen on Canadian railways. Following its recent judgment the Railway Commission has issued a series of uniform rules governing the determination of visual acuity, color perception and hearing of railway employes, and among them is a clause banning the squinting or cross-eyed men.

This is not the only defect barred. Applicants must not be accepted if they use glasses for near vision, though when the distant vision of an employe can be improved by good glasses, their use is encouraged. Color blindness is also barred, and good hearing powers are stringently insisted upon. Applicants must be able to hear and repeat names and numbers spoken in a conversational tone at a distance of twenty feet.

Employes must be re-examined in all these particulars after any illness or accident which might have affected them, as well as before promotion.

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#### INSANITY ON THE INCREASE.

Dr. Forbes Winslow, the well-known alienist, speaking of the statement of Dr. Mott at the Eugenics Conference, that the increase of lunacy is more apparent than real, said that investigations made by him during the last forty-five years in various parts of the world convince him that lunacy is making uninterrupted progress and that the only goal to be reached is world-madness in the not distant future.

"Dr. Mott bases his figures and conclusions mainly on a study of the pauper class in London," said Dr. Winslow recently. "Although there is more crime, lunacy and drink in London than any city of the world, I would be the last to take statistics of London as a basis for an opinion.

"In 1859 there was one lunatic for every 536 of the population.