

cated it to his family; one after the other of his four children fell victims and succumbed to the disease before any help could be secured; the inhabitants of the village near by became panic-stricken, and none could be found to approach the house, consequently no cases occurred beyond his family. A similar occurrence took place a few miles further south, in the neighborhood of Sundridge, on the line of the Muskoka Junction Railway. A member of a family, residing temporarily some distance from home, contracted diphtheria, and returning home, communicated the disease to the other members of the family, eight persons in all, in two of whom it proved fatal. No communication from outside was carried on, and no other cases occurred in the neighborhood. Some of the organized municipalities in the Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts have complied with the requirements of the Public Health Act so far as to appoint Boards of Health, but up to the present these have remained inactive, never having met or taken any steps to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. The village of North Bay, in the township of Widdafield, a place already of considerable importance, and which aspires shortly to become incorporated as an independent municipality, has never, as yet, taken the first step in regard to sanitary matters. It is understood that the Reeve is now moving in the direction of the appointment of a Board of Health, but not before it was much needed, for all the conditions exist which would favor the development and spread of zymotic diseases. The water supply of this rapidly growing village is absolutely bad, and unfit for human consumption; no provision whatever has been made for drainage, and as far as can be learned no attempt has been made, even by private individuals, to introduce so essential a requisite to the maintenance of either public or private health. This is the more surprising in view of the fact that the most important part of the village is built over a substratum of solid gneissoid rock, which prevents anything like natural drainage, and in many places the surface water is held in basin-like depressions, which are mere open cesspools. It is earnestly to be hoped that the intelligence of those in authority, as well as of the inhabitants in general, will not allow this state of things to continue much longer.

OUTBREAKS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Scarlatina in England.

This disease, as prognosticated, has increased steadily for five months preceding November, during which, in the twenty-eight largest towns it reached a death-rate of 0.65 per 1000, and exceeded the death-rate of any of the three preceding years.

Smallpox in Dublin.

This disease has broken out in a lower part of the city, and ten cases were in the hospital at last accounts. In 1871-2 there were 1647 deaths there from this disease.

OUTBREAKS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Diphtheria in Cleveland and Detroit.

This disease may fairly be called epidemic there, it having caused 40 deaths in November. We trust that railroad companies will be more careful in the future than in the past, as we have knowledge that in several instances, one with fatal results, they have carried bodies from the United States into Canada, and from Cleveland, from which fatal results were contracted. Detroit had last month 18 deaths from the same disease. The express companies have promised compliance with the law preventing the transportation of corpses, dead from this disease.

Typhoid in Pittsburg.

This disease has been very prevalent, and is stated to have caused over 2000 cases. There seems to be a suspicion that the water supply is at fault; but as the disease has been allowed to spread, there are so many possible causes of the trouble, that there will be a disposition there as elsewhere to "drag a herring over the trail."

Smallpox at Morganville, Ala.

This disease has appeared at this place, near Montgomery, and is creating a stir in the south. Doubtless recent experience in the north will prevent carelessness in the far south.

OUTBREAKS IN CANADA.

Diphtheria in Canada.

This disease, endemic at all times, has been noticeably variable in its incidence during the past month. It is prevalent in parts of the flat lands, in the south-western parts of the Province. Brantford has had a considerable number of cases, while