

**IMPORTANT SUGGESTION.**—Dr. Larocque, health officer of Montreal, proposes to invite the health officers and chairmen of the boards of health of the eleven cities in the Dominion which return mortuary statistics to the department in Ottawa, to meet the public health committee of the Canada Medical Association in Kingston in September, at the general meeting of the Association—which committee consists of Dr. Botsfords of St. John, N.B., Dr. Larocque of Montreal, Dr. Playter of Toronto, and Dr. Worthington of Clinton. The idea is a good one and we trust will be carried out, and that there will be a full attendance. It is proposed to discuss, among other things, how municipal boards of health may be best constructed, and the most efficient means they should adopt to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Questions in reference to vaccination will also be brought up.

**CORSETS.**—It is not so much the corset as tight-lacing that is opposed by those who value health. With "Ball's Health Preserving Corset" it is impossible to lace very tight, as it has in each side a spiral spring elastic strip extending its length, which makes it most agreeably yielding and self adjusting. We know a number of ladies who have tried them and would not now wear any other. One remarked, "I can breathe freely and easily in it." Husbands and fathers induce your wives and daughters to buy them, and ninety-nine in a hundred of the wives and daughters will soon learn to object to buy any others. It is strange the improvement was not thought of and brought into use long ago.

**A PURE WATER-SUPPLY.**—Deep well boring for the public supply of water, says a medical exchange, is being more generally adopted, and superseding the usual sources of supply, which are, as a rule, impregnated with dangerous impurities, and a fruitful cause of disease. Deep well water has obvious advantages. It undergoes such prolonged and exhaustive filtration through great thicknesses of porous rock as to render it extremely unlikely, if not impossible, that any portion of the organic matter still remaining in it should be of a noxious character.

**AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS of Hygiene**, held at Geneva, Dr. Haltenhoff stated that in Europe one person in every thousand was blind. This gives about three hundred and thirty thousand blind in that country. Most of these could have been prevented. The blind of Europe cost society 100,000,000 francs annually.