

dairymen and milk-condensing factories. The milk companies and the condensing factories send their own inspectors regularly to the farms from which their supplies are drawn. The proper officer to look after the inspection of dairy farms, from which milk is sent to a city or town, would be the Medical Health Officer of that city or town. This recommendation, therefore, is directed chiefly to the governing authorities of the Province, and means that law on the subject should be so worded that the municipalities may be enabled, without let or hindrance, to discharge the office of inspecting the dairy farms, where their milk supplies are produced. The inspection of dairy farms by an officer acting for the consumer is found to be in keeping with the expressed opinions of several Ontario medical health officers. In the July, 1909, number of this journal, the same subject was discussed editorially in the following words: "Local boards of health in municipalities which ship milk to Toronto will not oblige their dairymen to tear down old-style byres in order to construct better ones. They will not insist on proper methods of keeping cattle neat and tidy. They will not order an analysis of the well water of a dairy, nor insist on the removal of a privy situated too close to a dairyman's well. Rural medical officers of health receive a mere pittance for attending to the grosser insanitary evils of their municipalities, and cannot be expected to incur loss of local influence, or loss of money in defending suits for damages, for looking after the purity of the Toronto milk supply. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the fear of an independent inspector from Toronto, backed by a bacteriologist, will teach the dairymen to observe the rules of the Provincial Board of Health. City inspectors should visit the dairy farms regularly, and should have power to enforce the observance of the rules of the Provincial Board of Health by ordering dairymen to discontinue sending milk to Toronto for disobedience to these rules."