

burden, and one which, if not removed altogether, should at least be materially reduced.

The deputation also asked that there be a revision of the provisions respecting drugs, the presence of which must be indicated on the label of the container of the patent medicine. Many of these drugs, it was stated, were not of a character which made it necessary that they should be under such a schedule.

The third objection was that the act involved the renumbering of the labels of all goods in stock when the act came into effect. The deputation asked that druggists be allowed to dispose of their existing stocks without this renumbering of labels, and without incurring any liability.

SCHOOL ROOM AIR LACKS HUMIDITY.

In an illustrated lecture on "The Principles of Ventilation" at the University of Toronto Physics Building a few weeks ago, Prof. J. J. Macleod, M.B., Ch.B., head of the university's department of physiology, stated that the general impression that ventilation is merely a matter of pure air is a wrong one. He submitted that the temperature and humidity of the air are the physical conditions of the atmosphere which are of paramount importance.

Observations made very largely on properly selected groups of children have established that for school room air a temperature of 65-68 F., with a relative humidity of 45-60 is the most desirable state, he said, adding that to maintain these conditions throughout the period that the class occupies the class room, usually requires, in this country at least, the addition of a considerable quantity of moisture to the ventilating air. He stated that the air in most of our school rooms in winter is too dry, and under these conditions the mucous membrane suffers.

He stated that oxygen deficiency had nothing to do with the evil effects of ill-ventilated places.

"The odor of polluted air has no bearing on its unhealthy influence," he remarked, "except in so far as it excites disgust and puts one off his appetite."

ORGANIZE AGAINST VENEREAL DISEASE.

As a result of an informal conference held two months ago by those interested in combating venereal diseases, a meeting was called recently in Dr. R. R. McClenahan's office at Parliament Buildings, to take steps for the formation of an Ontario branch of the national society. Amongst those present at the meeting were: Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, Ottawa; Dr. Gordon Bates (secretary of the national council), Toronto; Prof. Fitzgerald, Toronto; Dr. D. G. Storms, Hamilton; Dr. Luney, London; Miss Fairley, Hamilton; Miss Torrington, Toronto; Miss Perry, Y.W.C.A.