

dor), and found that, in a large number of cases, the samples were not standard milk; but I find that the samples last examined were much better than the first. So far we can confidently state the apparatus has been an advantage to the consumer, and will undoubtedly be a greater one after a few parties who persist in adulterating milk will have been prosecuted."

A NEW and rather funny way of garbage disposal is mentioned by Dr. Hall, as follows: "The disposal of kitchen garbage has given rise to considerable trouble to the inspector, and is a nuisance to many citizens. On one street in particular, householders got into the habit of dumping garbage at night in front of a neighbor's house, and the practice became so universal that almost every householder on the street would find a heap of garbage in front of his residence in the morning. The inspector left a notice at each house on the street warning them to stop the nuisance, calling their attention to the easy method of disposing of kitchen garbage by burning. The practice has since stopped."

MR. BERTRAM, chairman of Dundas Board of Health, reports that the Board had for two or three years back notified the council to keep on hand a supply of copperas, so that vaults should be disinfected immediately after cleaning. Owing to the liberal use of copperas, typhoid fever in Dundas was very much reduced. The Board urged upon the council the question of sewerage, as it is evident that all liquid matter thrown out must either sink into the ground and pollute the wells, or remain in cesspools and contaminate the air. The Board "considers this of vital importance, as the town in another year will have the best water supply in Canada; and the introduction of water services to householders will necessitate some system of drainage."

MR. R. King, Senr., chairman Barrie Board, says that "The removal of certain piggeries and the plentiful use of deodorising material placed the town in a fair sanitary condition, considering the absence of a general or complete sewerage." And

yet, he adds, "a greater number of cases of serious sickness have occurred than during any of the past few years; amongst the number were several cases of typhoid, mostly contracted elsewhere, some resulting fataly. Diphtheria also prevailed, but to a less extent, its victims being children." Evidently something more vigorous is required in Barrie.

MR. DEACON, of Lindsay, chairman of the Board, reports a case of malignant diphtheria from Kinmount. The patient stated that he had been under treatment by Dr. Frost, at Kinmount, who, he said, told him that "he had better get on to Lindsay." Acting on this statement, information was laid against Dr. Frost for contravention of the Ontario Public Health Act, and the matter was investigated by the Police Magistrate of the town of Lindsay, which investigation resulted in the dismissal of the charge without cost. This, probably, from want of satisfactory evidence that Dr. Frost was really responsible for the removal of the case to Lindsay, but the case should be a warning to medical practitioners to exercise caution in regard to like cases.

DR. CLARKE, M.O. of Peterboro, reports: "No outside epidemic has visited the town; there has been a much less proportion of typhoid fever, diphtheria and scarlet fever, not so large a number of complaints as in previous years, and a better compliance with the Statutes than heretofore. No better evidence of this could be given than the steady decreasing death-rate. In 1885 this was 18½ in the thousand; in 1886, 18; in 1887, 17, and during the present year only a shade above 16; a difference of 2 per thousand in the death-rate, which, in a town the size of Peterborough, means a saving in ten years of nearly 200 lives.

AS TO SEWERAGE, Dr. Clarke says: It seems to me that this is a matter for the Dominion or Provincial authorities to take up. It affects not only our town but scores of similar towns springing up all over the country. For a place even to ascertain the best method of sewerage, is not only an expensive matter but a difficult question