

The eruption was active on and between the fingers and on the hands, arms and legs, and was accompanied by excoriation from scratching. He had "taken" it from the foreman baker, four weeks before, and both had continued kneading and baking. It is marvellous that machinery for mixing and kneading the dough has not been brought into more general use. We believe there is but one baker in Ottawa, Mr. Jamieson, who employs machinery in the manufacture of bread. Besides being cleaner, machine mixed bread is more uniform and superior in most respects.

THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH have just held their last quarterly meeting for the year. The Secretary reported in reference to the satisfactory number of local boards which have been organized in Ontario, on the convention of state boards of health recently held at St. Louis in relation to cholera and on the sanitary condition of Haliburton and Almonte. Dr. Oldright presented his report on sewerage, drainage and water supply. Dr. Yeomans reported on school hygiene, the conclusions of which are given elsewhere. Dr. Ray proposed regulations in reference to small-pox, and spoke of the desirability of towns and cities being kept free from waste matters. And Dr. Cassidy reported on the advisability of taking precautions to prevent infanticide and the best means of diminishing the mortality amongst infants. To the statement of the chairman (as reported in the morning papers) in reference to malaria in Ottawa, and to that of the secretary in relation to deaths from diphtheria in Haliburton caused by decomposing sawdust, we purpose referring on another occasion. It may be that their statements were not correctly reported.

THE CATTLE QUARANTINE AT EMERSON.—Mr. Joseph Jackson, of Regina, who imported 47 thoroughbred cattle, reports (in *Regina Leader*) that:—"The Government quarantine at Emerson is now in first class condition for stock. It is surrounded by fine bluffs, which afford excellent shelter. There are first rate houses for the cattle, fitted with mangers, and in fact everything that is necessary to keep the cattle in a good state. There is an hospital, the men employed are very

attentive to all the wants of the various animals, and a veterinary surgeon is always present. The Government make no charge for the keep of the cattle during the time they are in quarantine. He says nothing could be better than the whole arrangements of the quarantine, and is loud in his praise of the attention of the Government officials there. The detention of stock is, therefore, a very small matter.

THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT English Educational journals, the *Journal of Education* and the *Educational Times*, express themselves strongly this month as to the necessity for a systematic enquiry into the "Over-pressure" question.

A PROMINENT medical London Exchange says, it is sincerely to be feared that, after travelling all over Europe, the cholera will settle down as a naturalised inhabitant of Western Europe, like small-pox, measles, and scarlet fever, which were unknown to the Roman world, and were imported into the Western world by the Musulman invaders of the 7th and 8th centuries. The importation is already an accomplished fact in some parts of Russia.

CAUSE OF INEBRIETY.—It has always been contended in this JOURNAL that the unsanitary condition of the dwellings of the poor cause resort to spirituous liquors. Dr. Crothers reports (*Jour. Inebriety*) a case in which the cause of attacks of inebriety was bad air, lack of sunlight, and other bad hygienic conditions in his own splendid mansion. The removal to a healthy house cured the patient of his desire for alcohol. Will temperance workers attend to this?

PARENTS should look well after the nurses with whom young children are trusted. The abuse of children by nurses is sometimes fearful. The writer saw a nurse girl, who was carelessly looking about instead of at the road before her, run a wheel of a child's carriage into a hollow in the pavement, by which the child was pitched out on the stones, though fortunately not seriously hurt. It is now reported that a nursery maid in London killed a child by tying a scarf about its neck because its crying interfered with her reading.