

one thousand beds, probably on the Kentish coast. Recently Dr. Hodgetts inspected Clarine House, at Rochampton, taken by Miss Winnifred Lewis, of Ottawa, for a convalescent hospital. This fine old mansion was the residence of William the Fourth. It will open with accommodation for 75 patients. Among the voluntary workers is Mrs. Robertson, daughter of Sir George Perley.

Up to August 17th there had been 6,774 cases of infantile paralysis in New York, with 1,529 deaths; but there were indications that the disease was dying out.

The Government of the United States, in conjunction with municipal, county and State health officials in practically every commonwealth in the country, is planning the most colossal health survey ever undertaken. The purpose of the movement, which is comparable in magnitude to a national census, is to prevent epidemics.

Another new circular is being sent out by the Provincial Board of Health to various doctors and medical health officers throughout the Province in regard to infantile paralysis. The circular points out that the early symptoms of the disease to be regarded as suspicious are fever, vomiting, slight diarrhoea, listlessness, unusual fretfulness and drowsiness. Later and more characteristic symptoms are the appearance of weakness in any extremity, skin and muscular sensitiveness, spinal pain, especially on flexion, and apparent or real rigidity of the neck muscles. The circular states that kissing of children is a dangerous practice and should be avoided.

The charge is made by *The London Chronicle* that Canadian soldiers have introduced the cocaine habit into England. This is certainly not true, as very few of the Canadian soldiers are victims of the habit, and they could not get access to the drug while in camp on training, nor could they mingle with the public to spread the habit.

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## OBITUARY

### HARRY GOODSIR MACKID, M.D.

Dr. Harry Goodsir Mackid, of Mackid & McLaren, Calgary, one of the best known physicians in the West, died there suddenly on 17th August. He formerly was President of the Dominion Medical Association, and has been coroner for Alberta, chief surgeon for the C. P. R. Alberta division, and has been connected with most of the principal medical associations in Canada. Dr. Mackid served with the Queen's Own Rifles in Toronto from 1876 to 1879.