

**THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN TORONTO.**—The city health officer states there is no special epidemic prevailing, though a good many cases of puerperal fever have been reported. In this connection we would draw attention to the fact that the powers conferred upon the health officer are very limited, he being rather an advisory than an executive officer, and his hands are in a large measure tied. In the cities in the United States much more power is conferred upon such functionaries. A change in this regard here is desirable.

**NUMEROUS DEATHS FROM VIOLENT GAMES** are chronicled, especially from playing foot-ball, and the practice is being condemned by medical journals. The *Detroit Lancet* says, "Physicians should use what influence they possess in their several communities to teach the true principles of physical development in opposition to the false ones now so universally prevalent."

**THE SUGGESTION OF DR. GRANT**, of Ottawa, at the Medical Council meeting this week, that Government levy a tax on every patent medicine advertisement, was a healthful one. Everything tending to suppress the sale of these nostrums will promote the public health.

**THE TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL** has the reputation, and doubtless deserves it, of being one of the cleanliest, sweetest and best kept hospitals on this continent. The great difference in the character of the atmosphere in it now, as compared with that of twenty years ago, is surprising.

**FUTURITIAL.**—The next number of this JOURNAL will contain articles on the following subjects:—Must we always follow nature? Mistakes in education; The diet makes the man and the nation; Midde men; Block pavements; Bacilli; and many other topics.

**FROM OTHER CITIES** we are preparing to obtain regular, monthly health reports, which will be published in the JOURNAL from month to month, commencing with next number.

**A SANITARY ASSOCIATION** ought to be formed in Toronto. It would interest the citizens in sanitary work and aid the health officer. Who will move for it?

**ONE COW'S MILK.**—A child fed on one cow's milk recently died of tuberculosis, and the cow died a few months later of tubercular disease.