

- (8) A systematic course of instructions to be given by the visiting nurse in each new case.
- (9) Comprehensive literature to be left with each new case, or family.
- (10) That continuous ventilation should be enforced in Public Schools, conveyances, churches and all public buildings.

(l) *Birth Rate in 1912.*—Because of the system of registration of births explained above, it is impossible to tell the city's birth rate.

(m) *Reporting of Births.*—The Provincial Government has charge of the registration of births, and its registrars have to collect returns from such widely extended districts that accuracy is impossible. In the last report of the Registrar to the Provincial Secretary he writes: "Deputy Registrars represent districts too far separated to be expected to obtain either full or correct returns in the matter of birth and death statistics. The Deputy Registrar at Kamloops represents the Districts of Clinton, Lillooet and Cariboo, in addition to ninety-three other small towns and villages. It is practically impossible for him to properly check over such a large territory; all he can do is to receive and report such returns as happen to be sent to him."

(n) *Midwives Licensed.*—Midwives are not licensed to practice and there are few of them as yet, but with the growth of the immigrant population only will more and more be called upon.

(o) *Source of the Water Supply.*—The city draws its supply of water from two mountain streams, the Capilano River and Seymour Creek, the intake of the Capilano being 485 feet above the sea level and the Seymour a little less. The water system is owned by the city. It was purchased in 1891 from a private concern for a sum slightly over \$400,000, and some \$3,000,000 has been expended in the extension and maintenance of the system since.

(p) *Condition of the Water.*—The water supply is noted for its purity and freedom from bacteria. The Medical Health Officer considers it the greatest factor in maintaining the public health.

(q) *Removal of Garbage.*—The removal of garbage is conducted by the city through the Scavenging and Street Cleaning Department, which is under the control of the Board of Works. Household refuse is collected once a week free of charge. Trade and other refuse is removed on payment of certain charges. In his report the Medical Health Officer writes: "If we are to keep pace with the requirements of this growing city, the scope of the Scavenging Department must be greatly increased and the garbage from the whole of the city must be collected. I should like to see this done free of charge, for as long as there is any charge made for the collection of refuse and rubbish of any kind, so long will our vacant lots remain dirty and unsightly."

It may be added that the Cambie Street Dump is a loathsome plague spot. Decayed fruit, manure and other refuse are emptied into False Creek at this point. The horses owned by the municipality are stabled in the immediate vicinity on land thus reclaimed. Nineteen of the horses died in a few months last year. A prominent veterinary states that they could not be healthy in such a place.

(r) *Laws Regulating the Milk Supply.*—There is no milk by-law or other regulation in the city under which the health officials may act. The Dominion authorities have been requested to appoint the City Analyst a Federal officer, that he may take action under the Food Adulteration Act, but as yet this has not been accomplished. A Milk Commission appointed by the Provincial authorities has just submitted its report after a six months' study of this question. The report should have the careful perusal of every citizen.

Health By-law No. 949 stipulates that food exposed for sale, or in conveyances, must be kept in sanitary conditions and is to be protected by coverings or electric fans from dust, dirt, flies, etc. It must be placed at least eighteen inches above the level of the floor or sidewalk, it must be fresh, and the material covering it must be clean.

(s) *Control of Street Cleaning.*—Street cleaning is in the hands of the municipality.