

tions at issue, the court exercised its discretion by granting the special leave to appeal applied for.

DR. R. W. BRUCE SMITH, Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, advocates the establishment of a home for weak-minded women in this Province. He says that imbecility and heredity are the most prolific causes for pauperism and crime, and that it would be good economy to provide a place of protection for such persons away from the paths of sin.

LAST year 50,441 patients were treated at the Montreal General Hospital. Of these 3,459 were admitted to the wards, and 46,982 were treated in the outdoor department, an increase of 222 in the indoor, and 2,466 in the outdoor department. During the month of December, 279 patients were admitted to the wards of the hospital, and 253 were discharged. There were 27 deaths, 16 of which occurred within three days of admission. The average daily sick in the hospital was 202, and the highest number on any one day, 215. Outdoor consultations numbered 3,577. The ambulance made 171 runs in response to calls. The average number of visitors at the hospital on visiting days was 324.