

Purity of Milk. There is also a Bill for the prevention of premature burial, to come up this session—and a measure to ensure for the Medical Health Officer security of tenure.

It is said that great changes are expected to take place in England in the matter of Public Medical Service. There is a plan for creating a great Civil Medical Service in England, which will embrace all medical functions performed under the Poor Law, the Sanitary Service, and School Inspection; also the Factory Acts.

A Bill is to be brought up to prohibit medical practice by Companies. It passed the House of Lords last year.

In an editorial, the B. M. J. points out the necessity for men holding posts where their sudden death or illness may mean the injury and death of others (such as signalmen, electric Tramcar Conductors, Automobile Drivers, etc, and Railwaymen) to be examined medically not only on appointment, but at frequent intervals.

The Sixth International Congress of Ophthalmology will be held at Naples, April, 1909.

The Nobel prize for the greatest benefactors to mankind by a discovery in medicine in recent years" was awarded to Professor Laveran, of Paris, discoverer of *hematozoon malarial*.

The Toronto Academy of Medicine is now well organized. Three sections are at work, and a fourth—that of State Medicine—has just been added.

An International Congress on Tuberculosis is to be held during the coming year in Washington, September 12 to October 12th, 1908. A prize of \$1,000 for the best exhibit of a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis among the working class, and various others are to be given. Secretary-General of the Congress, Dr. John F. Fulton, 810 Colorado Bdg., Washington.

The Provincial Laboratory in the Government Offices, Edmonton, is now fitted up and in operation, under charge of Dr. D. G. Revell.