

*Duties of the Board.***5.** It is the duty of the Provincial Board of Health :

1. To make a special study of the vital statistics of the Province, and to endeavor to apply, in an intelligent and useful manner, all the facts collected respecting mortality and disease ;

2. To make sanitary investigations and inquiries into the causes of disease and especially of epidemics, into the causes of death, and the effect which the employment, conditions, habits and other circumstances of the people may have upon their health ;

3. To establish such rules as they think fit for the prevention as far as possible or the mitigation of such epidemic, endemic or contagious diseases, with power to revoke, renew or alter any such regulation, or substitute any new regulations as to them appears expedient ;

4. To superintend the formation of local boards of health, to keep a register of such local boards and of the names of the members thereof, and to inquire into the measures which are being taken by such local boards of health for the limitation of any existing dangerous, contagious or infectious disease or the removal of bad sanitary conditions, in virtue of the powers conferred upon such local boards of health by any public health act, or by the Municipal Code or special charters; and, should it appear that the said powers are not being taken and that the said powers are not being enforced, in the interests of the public health, to require the local board to exercise and enforce any of the said powers, which in the opinion of the Provincial Board the urgency of the case demands ;

Where the local board, having been thereto required in writing by the Provincial Board, neglects or refuses to exercise their powers, during a delay of ten days, the Provincial Board may, with the approval of the Minister of the Department under which the Board is acting for the time being, exercise and enforce, at the expense of the municipality, any of the powers of local boards which under the circumstances they may think necessary.

5. To advise when required or when it deems it expedient the officers of the government, and local boards of health, respecting the public health and upon the measures to be taken to protect it, and also the position, drainage, water-supply, the means of disposing of excreta, the heating and ventilation of public institutions and public buildings, the position and drainage of cemeteries, as also upon the disposal of excreta and sanitary conditions generally of private institutions and schools.

6. In any municipality in which there is a local board of health appointed in virtue of its charter or of the