

following that upon which the sample is received, and will be communicated by telephone when the telephone address is given.

The Board wishes to obtain data upon the following points and earnestly requests the medical profession to furnish any information bearing upon them.

1. The degree of accuracy of the method and the proportion of cases in which a correct diagnosis can be made by the serum test.

2. The earliest period in the disease at which it can be expected ; give indications.

3. The length of time for which this reaction persists after convalescence.

4. The existence of any relation between the intensity of reaction with the test and the course of the disease.

5. A study of the nature of the obscure febrile conditions, clinically termed gastric fever, continued fever, abortive typhoid, bilious fever, etc., which from the present standpoint of our knowledge in this subject are classed as typhoid by the sanitary authorities.

It is hoped that those who take advantage of the offer now made by the Board will do all in their power to aid this inquiry by not only carefully filling up the blanks sent with the samples, but by afterwards giving information when possible, as to whether the subsequent progress of the case confirmed the result of the serum test or not, and also by providing, when possible, temperature charts, etc., for study by the officials of the Board.

THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

It is with great pleasure we record the princely gift of Lord Mount-Stephen and Sir Donald A. Smith towards the permanent endowment of the Royal Victoria Hospital.

They have placed in the hands of trustees securities having a par value of \$800,000, which it is expected will yield an income of \$40,000 per annum. This sum, together with the interest on \$250,000, the amount left from the original endowment of \$1,000,000, will place this great charity in a position to do a great amount of useful work in the years to come.

Altogether the founders of the Royal Victoria have contributed about \$1,900,000, a very great amount, even in these days of very great benefactions. They have given to Canada an hospital which is admirably fitted in every way to carry on the work required of modern hospitals, viz., the relief of suffering, the teaching and advancement of the healing art. There are very few hospitals anywhere better adapted in every respect to carry out such work.