

against the baseless insinuations of the *Canada Medical and Surgical Journal*. Medical journalists should have higher aims and nobler ends in view than endeavoring to traduce their *confreres*. We have done in this matter only what our conscience tells us is right, and we will not swerve from the path of duty or yield humble submission to the dictum of any one.

SMALL-POX.

This loathsome disease is at present very prevalent in Toronto, and it is high time that some more effectual means than has heretofore been taken to prevent its spread, should be adopted by the Board of Health. We would suggest that at least two vaccine stations should be at once established, one in the east and another in the western part of the city, where the poor may be vaccinated free of charge. The Board of Health should also obtain a good supply of thoroughly reliable vaccine virus to begin with, and see also that a constant supply is kept on hand for those who require it.

The appointment of public vaccinators in each of the Wards is all very well in its way; but will be of very little service unless some systematic means are adopted of carrying into effect the object the Board has in view. All infected houses and districts should be isolated as much as possible, and some method adopted of designating such infected places so that they may be shunned. A strict enforcement of the act relating to vaccination should also be demanded, and all infected tenements thoroughly disinfected as soon as they can be vacated. A determined effort on the part of the Board of Health in the direction briefly indicated in the above would tend at once to lessen the spread of the disease, and if persevered in, would sooner or later stamp it out entirely. Spasmodic efforts are of very little avail in arresting small-pox, and we trust the Board will see the necessity of persistent and determined action in reference to this matter.

HAIRY MAN.

The history and portraits of a Russian peasant and his son, of most remarkable appearance, now on exhibition in Paris, are given in the London

LANCET of October 25. The father, Andrian J. f. tichjew, aged fifty-five, was born near Kostroma, in Russia. He is called by the French "L'homme chien." Below we give his portrait, specially engraved for the CANADA LANCET. It will be observed that the entire face—nose, forehead, cheeks and ears—are covered with long brown hair, which also extends down his back for some distance. The skin upon which it grows appears quite healthy, no nævoid discoloration being present.



His son, Fedor, is only three years old, and bears a striking resemblance to the father; but the hair being lighter in color and thinner, the skin is more perceptible. Both father and son are nearly edentulous; the father had no teeth up to the age of seventeen, and then only four in the lower jaw and one in the upper. The son has only four incisor teeth in the lower jaw. They were previously on exhibition at Berlin, and were examined by Prof. Virchow. Other instances of hirsute growth, similar in character, are mentioned as occurring among the Russians or Burmese, in all of which the same edentulous condition was observed. Hairy men are also said to exist in some parts of Japan; but neither in the condition of the teeth nor the arrangement of the hair, have they any analogy with the Russian or Burmese hairy men.

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CYSTITIS.—The following combination has been found very successful in acute cystitis:

R—Ext. Buchu fluidum.
 " Uva Ursi " aa ʒj.
 Sp. Æth. Nit., ʒss.
 Tr. Gelsemini, ʒj.
 Pot. Bromidi, ʒij.
 Aqua Cinnamoni ad. ʒviiij.—M.

Sig.—A tablespoonful every four hours.