

of summer hotels and boarding houses in Muskoka have in recent years greatly improved their premises in a sanitary way. Dr. P. H. Bryce, the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, has done much during the last few years in the way of educating the Muskoka folk in such matters. We are glad to be able to say that, as a general rule, the sanitary condition of all hotels in Muskoka is good. Ten years ago, on the other hand, we would have been compelled to say that the sanitary condition in many, if not the majority, was bad.

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE.

About ten years ago, when a proposal was made to abolish the College Residence of the University of Toronto, a strong protest against such action was made by Sir Daniel Wilson on behalf of himself, the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Faculties of the University and University College, the Board of Trustees, the subscribers to the fund for the restoration of the University, the great body of graduates, and many others whose sons had lived in Residence. There seemed then to be such a general consensus of feeling in favor of retaining the Residence that the Government decided not to interfere.

Recently another proposal has been made to abolish the Residence; and, strange to say, the initiative has been taken by the College Council. The following reasons have been given by the President of the University and the Minister of Education: The Residence has not during the last few years been self-sustaining; out of eight hundred students or more only twenty have been in residence; the rooms are out of repair, and it would take a large sum to make them habitable.

This very unsatisfactory condition of things calls for a radical change of some sort. Those who propose to abolish the Residence say that the portion of the University building which has been used for residential purposes should be converted into lecture rooms or laboratories. In 187 the University architect investigated the matter, and reported that such a conversion would be so extensive that it would be better to pull down the whole structure and build anew. In referring