

The various nations of Europe have been so impressed with these facts that they have established state laboratories for the study and practical application of this important subject, and we regret that Canada is so far behind the smaller states in Europe, that she entirely ignores the importance of such a step. Had such an institution as exists in various parts of Great Britain been in existence, and men at its head possessing the confidence of the British Government, the embargo would never have been placed on Canadian cattle, and tuberculosis, as it existed in the Ontario Model Farm, would have been speedily eradicated.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now that small pox is so prevalent in Chicago, it is incumbent upon the Health Boards all over this province to exercise the closest care and watchfulness to prevent the appearance of it in this province.

At no time since the Medical Council was established was there so much interest taken in Council affairs as at present. This argues well for the new Council, and without doubt will be in the interest of the profession at large.

There was no attempt made during the past session of the Local Legislature to interfere with the Medical Act. It is unwise either for the Council or the medical profession to appear too frequently before the House asking for amendments to the Act.

The returns of the Spring Examinations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons will be published on May 31st. The students have done much better this year than in former ones. The stringency of the Council Examinations have stimulated the schools to better work, and the result is a superior graduating class.

Two decades ago bacteriology was unknown, its field a fallow waste, its results unprophesied. Today all over the world bacteriological laboratories exist in which thousands of ardent workers are holding out to the world the bow of promise and the hope of future science.

The American Government have at last recognized the fact that it is necessary to establish a National Bureau of Public Health, and the bill at present before both legislative branches at Washington is one which, if it becomes law will be of inestimable value to their nation.

During the past month the detective of the Council has been busy at work, with the result of many prosecutions. At the present time there is no Province in Canada or State in the American Union so free from quacks as this province, and we sometimes fear the profession at large does not appreciate the large outlay necessary in connection with this department, and the good work that is being done, more, perhaps, in the interest of the laity than the profession.

At the nineteenth annual meeting of the United States Hay Fever Association, Dr. S. S. Bishop, of Chicago, obtained the prize for the best essay on the subject of Hay Fever, proposing the theory of uric acid origin, with salicylate of soda for treatment. One year previous to the reading of this essay, Dr. Shawe Tyrrell, of Toronto, read a paper before the Ontario Medical Society, entitled "A Predisposing Cause of Hay Fever," which was afterwards published in the Canadian journals, setting forth the uric acid origin of the affection, and its treatment—a proper diet and soda salicylate.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA MEDICAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Medical Council took place at Victoria, on Tuesday May 1st.

The following officers were elected for the current year: President, Dr. J. M. Lefevre, Vancouver; Vice-President, Dr. John A. Duncan, Victoria; Registrar, Dr. G. J. Milne, Victoria; Treasurer, Dr. J. M. Lefevre; Associate Editor of the ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL, Dr. W. J. McGuigan, Vancouver.