

The CHAIRMAN said that a common plan in Toronto was to build houses on the ground without a cellar.

Dr. AIKINS said that he almost invariably noticed that an unpleasant smell pervaded these houses when they were well warmed.

Dr. WORKMAN explained that this difficulty was entirely obviated by a system of ventilation which had been put in force in the Asylum, as Dr. O'Reilly could testify. A stove pipe from below carried the vitiated air to the pipe in the upper part of the building.

Dr. O'REILLY said that the system mentioned by Dr. Workman had been found perfectly satisfactory.

After some further discussion, the following was adopted as the circular to be sent to Clerks of Municipalities:—

1. How far has your Council exercised any authority in relation to the public health, and if not, why not?

2. What regulations thereon have been established, and annex a copy.

3. How far have such regulations been observed or enforced?

4. What other means have been adopted in order to prevent or diminish causes of injury to the public health?

5. What are the means employed to dispose of or remove refuse matter, whether solid or liquid, from inhabited places, specifying the different kinds of refuse, such as sewage, excrements, or other filth.

6. What provisions exist for preventing infectious diseases from spreading, and what, if any, hospital or other public accommodation exists for this object, and to what extent is vaccination and re-vaccination practised?

7. What are the sources of water supply for the inhabitants, and what is the quality, and whether pure or liable to be polluted, such as from proximity of privies or from nature of stratification of the soil?

8. What are the means of drainage?

9. What is the number of houses and rooms respectively for the number of inhabitants in your municipality, and means of warming and ventilation of such rooms, and the drainage and ventilation of the cellars; also whether the accommodation is sufficient to prevent overcrowding.

10. What have been the conditions of the public health during the following years, distinguishing in each, and annex any statistics there may be, in the years 1875, 1876, and 1877?

11. State with as much accuracy as possible the extent to which the following diseases have prevailed during the said years respectively:—Typhoid or other similar fever, diphtheria, diarrhoea, scarlet fever, infantile mortality, diseases attributable to malaria, erysipelas, and consumption.

12. State the number of slaughter-houses, swine yards, cattle yards, large poultry houses, hide houses, artificial manure manufactories, or other noxious trades; also the distances between privies, cesspools, and wells for the water supply; also what burial places exist within the limits of your municipality.

The Committee then adjourned until Tuesday.