

abroad is inspected and passengers or crews who are found to be suffering from infectious disease, together with contacts, are removed to the quarantine stations in accordance with the principle laid down in the Convention of Paris, 1926.

Immigration Medical Service.—Associated with quarantine is the medical examination and medical care of immigrants. For this purpose medical examiners are stationed at the several ports of entry. Physicians at strategic points throughout Europe conduct the medical examination of all immigrants prior to their embarkation. In this way the examination is more thoroughly and effectively made and the entry of undesirables thereby diminished.

Venereal Disease Control.—During the war it became apparent that there was a marked increase in the venereal diseases, and the various countries took such steps as they considered necessary to stay their progress. Co-operating with the provinces for the control of the venereal diseases, the Dominion Government, in 1919, voted the sum of \$200,000, which was divided *pro rata* among the provinces, with the provision that the provinces expend an amount at least equal to that received, establish clinics for free treatment, provide treatment in penal institutions and carry on an educational campaign. The Department of Health has established a Division of Venereal Disease Control with the object of co-ordinating this work.

Child Welfare.—Child welfare is occupying the fore-front of public health in these days of advanced thinking along preventive lines. The diseases of childhood, which in the early years and indeed up to a few decades ago took such a terrible toll of young lives, have been brought under control and the wastage of child life is diminishing. In this field the Division of Child Welfare of the Department co-operates with the provincial Departments and voluntary organizations, and acts as a mentor and guide in directing the efforts of the various bodies concerned with the child. A great mass of literature is distributed throughout the country. This reaches the outposts and is of inestimable value to parents in helping them care for their children and their homes.

Lepet Stations.—For many years there have been in operation in Canada two lazarettos for the treatment of leprosy, one in New Brunswick, the other in British Columbia. These have been placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health.

Marine Hospitals Service.—To treat sick and injured mariners entering Canadian ports on the payment of certain dues by ship-owners, hospitals, hospital facilities and medical care are provided through the Division of Marine Hospital Service.

Public Works Health Act.—To see that men working on construction work (canals, railways, and other forms of public construction), are provided with efficient sanitary, medical and hospital requirements, the Public Works (Health) Act is administered by the Department.

Food and Drugs.—The Food and Drugs Branch of the Department has to do with the safeguarding of foods and drugs against adulteration. Inspectors pick up throughout the country samples which are subjected to analysis in the various Departmental laboratories.