

POLLUTION OF WATER SUPPLY

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POLLUTION OF WATER SUPPLY.—The report of the State board of health, by its secretary, Dr C. W. Chancellor, to the effect that a large proportion of the drainage of Lutherville, Baltimore county, finds its way into the head of Roland run, thence into Lake Roland, one of the sources of the city's water supply, is a matter of serious public concern. It is stated that the filth of the village drains more or less directly into the stream, and the contamination from this source involves, according to Dr. Chancellor, "an ever present danger to the health and lives of all who are furnished with water from Lake Roland." Dr Chancellor also considers the want of a proper system of drainage and removal of decomposing matter at Lutherville a serious menace to health in the locality, and recommends the adoption of certain measures for remedying the evil. The executive committee of the State board of health has indorsed the report as clearly establishing "the fact that the waters of Lake Roland are liable to dangerous pollution from the drainage of Lutherville," and has decided to ask the attorney-general's opinion as to what action can be taken "to protect the water supply of Lutherville and Baltimore city," the secretary being instructed to act as soon as possible upon such advice.

A GREAT ENGINEERING FEAT.—The completion of boring for the great tunnel under the St. Clair river, connecting the Michigan and Canadian shores, is justly regarded as one of the marvels of modern engineering. The tunnel is intended to provide a passage for the Grand Trunk Railway to its terminus at Port Huron, Mich. It is one and one-third miles in length, and the boring has been done by driving a great iron cylinder