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MINISTRY OF HEALTH BILL.

Proposed transfer of certain functions of
Local Government Board.

Memo: by Dr. Addison.

An analysis of the functions of the Local Government Board indicates that (excluding the question of the Poor Law from discussion) duties relating to the following subjects must remain within the Ministry of Health; at all events at the outset.

1. Infectious Diseases.
2. Hospitals.
3. Vaccination.
4. Maternity & Child Welfare.
5. Appointments of local health officers.
6. Sanitary administration.
7. Water.
8. River Pollution.
9. Food.
10. Local Finance & Local Arts.
11. Tuberculosis.
12. Audit, Statistics, Local Taxation.
13. Local Areas.
14. Housing & Town Planning.
15. Legal questions.
16. Old Age Pensions.
17. Orders & Parish Property.
18. Intelligence.

The question of transferring duties of the Board in relation to the following subjects to a more appropriate Department might be considered on a suitable occasion:

| Subject. | Possible Transfer to |
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| 1. Inspection &c. of Alkali Works. | Home Office. |
| 2. Inspection &c. of Canal Boats. | Home Office. |
| 3. Public Libraries, Museums, & Gymnasiums. | Board of Education (but the sanction of the L.G.B. to loans would still be required). |
| 4. Piers, Harbours and Light Railways, | Board of Trade (but the L.G.B. would still be concerned as supervisors of local finance). |
| 5. Reducing main roads to status of ordinary highways. | Board of Trade (but consultation would be required as to finance between the L.G.B. and the Department responsible for Transport). |