

AS TO NEWSPAPER READING.

A Provincial health officer warns the public not to become excited over what they read in the newspapers concerning the Spanish Influenza. One of the learned Chief Justices of Ontario, who doubtless demands his morning newspaper at breakfast, says that nobody believes what is in the newspapers nowadays. It would be foolish on the part of newspapers to claim infallibility, which Lord Morley says is only another term for impenitence, but warnings against newspaper reading may be carried too far. Many who do not read newspapers or are not attentive to what they read in them pay the penalty. They blow out the gas. They are taken in by the first smooth confidence men they meet. They sell their Victory Loan bonds at a loss. They hide money in places where thieves break through and steal. In the United States they still vote for Andrew Jackson, and in Nova Scotia for Joseph Howe. They have an idea that this present war is a line-fence quarrel in Europe with which they have no concern. They also miss the bargains in the stores by not reading the advertisements, but most of the non-readers of newspapers have few needs. They wear a yard or two of cotton and eat what nature provides from day to day, if they have outgrown the custom of dining on one another.
