

## Alberta Medical Association

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The Alberta Medical Association met at Banff, August 11th, 12th and 13th. About thirty members were present.

Several papers of unusual interest on professional matters were given, one deserving special mention being "Recent Studies in Diseases of the Heart," by Dr. Fisher, of Calgary.

The section on public health included papers by Dr. Hodgetts, of Ottawa, on "The Importance of Public Health from a National Standpoint"; by Dr. Revell, Provincial Bacteriologist, on "Tuberculosis," and by Dr. Park, of Edmonton, on "The Essentials for the Production of Wholesome Milk." These papers produced very full discussion, leading to a number of resolutions to be handed to the Federal and Provincial Governments, urging (a) The establishment of a sanitarium for the care of persons suffering from tuberculosis; (b) better legislation for public health; (c) legislation regarding marriages of the unfit.

The President in his address referred to several matters of great interest to the profession, amongst others the prevalence of local contagious diseases and their relation to alcoholism, and the alarming increase in abortion work in the Province. Instances were cited, one in particular a clear case, but in which the police were loath to act in spite of the direct evidence. The association recommended that this case be referred to the attorney general's department. It seems that the demand for this illegal practice is becoming more and more frequent and if some strong effort is not made to put a stop to it, the result in the near future will be that only those men who are willing to undertake such work will get the large family connections. There will be no room for the conscientious physician. As was pointed out by one of the speakers in the discussion, the offence has the sympathy of the women, all