

Enough has been said to show that the statements of the "Antis" are of such a character as to mislead; and there is often no lie more dangerous than a half-truth.

Does vaccination protect? The answer is "Yes, a thousand times, yes." One only needs to look around for his proof. Here in Toronto doctors and nurses are immune. In a few cases a person who had been vaccinated when young may contract smallpox in adult life. But many say they were vaccinated, when in reality they never were. Not long ago, we attended a family where the daughter, who did not believe in vaccination fell ill with smallpox. In due time her father became ill, and he said he had been vaccinated, no mark could be found. His wife who had good marks from a vaccination when a child, did not contract the disease, though she attended both patients. Such cases could be multiplied without limit. Nurses, with no other protection than that obtained from vaccination, will serve in a hospital for smallpox cases, and remain well throughout.

What shall we say of the governing body of the city, which is not complying with the law, and thereby endangering lives, and doing great damage to the business interests of the city? That Toronto is a large city is no reason why it should set the law at defiance, any more than a murderer should put in the defence that because he was a very large man he should be allowed to do as he pleased and go unpunished. Should the present epidemic change its type, as did the epidemic in Montreal in 1885, and become virulent there would be many deaths. In Montreal in 10,000 cases there were 3,160 deaths. It would not be difficult to prove who were guilty should such a disaster occur. The city is threatened by a most dangerous enemy, and we have a perfect shield of defence, that is both simple and safe. Let the people listen to reason and experience, and turn a deaf ear to false preachers, and those who make a wrong use of the sacred word "Liberty."

There are only two ways of controlling an epidemic of smallpox, namely, general vaccination, or permitting the disease to spread until it has exhausted its field by attacking all who have not had the disease or been vaccinated. In time, a number of those attacked recover and become immune, and can safely attend those who become ill. This is a very poor way to control an epidemic, and in a severe form of the disease would be accompanied by a fearful mortality.