

sity of such a system, might not sanction the necessary expenditure. A medical man competent for such an office could hardly be obtained for less than \$2,000 per annum, so you can figure out what the cost would be.

As an alternative for the present, at least, it is my opinion that the Health Act should be so amended that the various medical health officers would receive a decent salary and be held strictly responsible to the Provincial Board of Health for the enforcement of its regulations. What this salary should be, might be based on population. It should be at least \$500 for the first thousand of population, with, in rural municipalities, a reasonable mileage in addition, and say \$100 for each additional 1,000 of population, up to \$15,000 or \$30,000. If such were the case a health officer would have some incentive and be under obligation to look after his duties. He would feel that if he enforced a proper observance of the laws upon his clientele he had the backing of the authorities, and a loss of patronage would be made up by a fair remuneration for his services.

As the law exists at the present time it is the old story of "No pay, no work." The public and the public purse are the sufferers.

At the last session of the Legislature there was a bill introduced by the Member for Guelph (Mr. Downey), for the establishment of County Boards of Health, to deal especially with tuberculosis. The Provincial Board had discussed the bill and approved of it, and it was sent to the Legislature so that it might be discussed thoroughly and amended if thought desirable.

Briefly, it was designed to establish County Boards of Health, to consist of the Warden, the County Clerk, who would act as Secretary, and one member sent from each Local Board of the different municipalities.

Under the provision of the bill, power is given to notify cases of tuberculosis, to isolate as may seem desirable, to have the sputum examined, a record kept, to build sanatoria, etc. The measure, as one newspaper described it, is an admirable one and would be easily workable. Unfortunately it did not receive the attention and discussion it merited, and from the remarks made by some of the members, it was evident they had either not read it or, if so, had altogether missed its meaning. The scheme is inexpensive, simple, and would seem to be a considerable advance step in the control of a terrible scourge.