

immediate scientific and thorough organized campaign against Venereal Disease was proven. At this Congress the widespread extent of syphilis and gonorrhea was revealed in all its horrifying magnitude : note the following statistics :

All the Canadian hospitals state that from 20% to 30% of their inmates have syphilis.

The percentage of syphilis among the recruits was 16.77.

(*Vedder*).

It has been estimated that 8% of the total Canadian population, 650,000 are suffering from some form of venereal disease.

(*Dr. G. Bates*)

The preceeding figures, large as they are, are relative to syphilis alone.

As regards gonorrhea, no reliable statistics have been computed: but, all venereal specialists are unanimous in stating that gonorrhea is from four to five times as prevalent as syphilis, and it is the most contagious disease existing, except measles.

Can a better established proof regarding the vast extent of these scourges be found ?

You are aware, Gentlemen, that syphilis is not only widespread in our population, but, also it ranks first in our list of fatal diseases: it is the most used scythe in the hands of the grim Reaper. Of course, the word syphilis seldom appears on a death certificate. A milder title is employed in order to conceal the misery behind the disease. This does not alter the fact that syphilis is the cause of death in :

100% of locomotor ataxia cases.

100% of paresis cases (softening of the brain).

50% of all cases of organic troubles.

50% " " angina pectoris.

40% " " arterial degeneration, aneurism, etc.

40% " " cerebral hemorrhage.

40% " " general paralysis.

20% " " Bright's disease.

10% " " epilepsy.

10% " " encephalitis.

10% " " meningitis.

*American Social Hygiene Association. — Standard Statistics.*