

tax rate people vote more intelligently. Enthusiasm and patriotism are apt to carry the people away, but the tax rate has a sobering influence. When the people become convinced there is wastage in a dual system of public health for children, and that a tangible saving may be accomplished through amalgamation of health departments, then we are bound to get better health administration, in fact, as it has been pertinently stated, the people can have all the health they are willing to pay for. But they do not want to be paying for it twice over.

It is interesting to sit by and watch the evolution of things, public health for instance. First, the Ontario Legislature enacts legislation giving to medical officers of health wide powers; it ensures to the medical officer tenure of office in the administration of his office; for no medical officer can now be removed at the whim of any municipality. Sanction for dismissal must be secured from the chief medical officer of health of the province. This makes for bold, honest, independent and fearless administration of public health. Second, in order to prevent the useless wastage of human life, to say little of the incidence of communicable diseases, the Provincial Board of Health is now supplying all sera free, and calls for early and prompt administration of such sera where indicated. In this direction the public eye is more than ever turned toward the local board of health. Third, in Toronto, the people have voted for the annual election of school trustees. Thus, a new school board might any year be elected which knew nothing of medical inspection. A system of public health of vital importance is then placed under a body of men who could very readily hamper the work of a chief inspector, or chief medical officer. Were it under the municipal officer of public health, they would have no control over it at all. The final court lies with the Provincial Officer of Health. Fourth, the representatives of the people, having an interest in conserving the resources of the people and the revenue in the interests of the taxpayer, have become seized of the overlapping of public health work, and the consequent economic loss which results everywhere from overlapping. Economy and retrenchment are abroad in the land.

Having enacted legislation perfecting public health administration in Ontario, the Ontario Legislature cannot very well refuse to sanction legislation which will bring the medical inspection of schools in Toronto under the administration of the medical officer of health. In fact, legislation may be looked for which will apply to this matter for every municipality of the Province. Indeed, a department of medical inspection of all schools, public