

So general has been the education on this point, and so unanswerable its logic, that at the last session of the Ontario Legislature a Bill was introduced, and after full consideration was unanimously passed, providing for the systematic establishment of sanatoria for consumptives in every county in the Province. The comprehensive and practical character of the Bill is such that I believe it can be said that it is the most comprehensive and advanced legislation on the subject which has been adopted in any country, and reflects credit equally upon the people, their legislators and the profession. Briefly it provides:

1. That counties or cities, or a union of municipalities can establish a sanatorium after a by-law has been passed providing money for the purchase of land and the erection of a building.

2. That its management and maintenance must be vested by the Councils in a Board of Trustees.

3. That its location, and the fitness of the building for the purpose, must be satisfactory to the Government.

4. That the Government may then grant a sum not exceeding \$4,000 toward its construction.

5. That a weekly payment of \$1.50 must be made by any municipality from which a resident is sent with the consent of its Health Board, and a similar sum will be given by the Legislature.

6. That the further expense of maintenance must be supplied by the patients, public charity, and the county municipality establishing it.

The Bill has some of the provisions which apply to county Industrial Homes, but in view of the scientific and medical character of the work, has provided for the appointment to the management of physicians and citizens most likely to fully realize the aims of such an institution.

In view of the fact that some twenty counties have instituted Industrial Homes for the aged poor, who can only be looked upon as an unavoidable burden, it does not seem unreasonable to expect that we may see the institution in many counties of sanatoria for consumptives, when we remember that it has been found here, as in Germany, that some 50 per cent. of all sick work-people between 20 and 30 years of age, are suffering from tuberculosis, and that some 37 per cent. of all deaths between 15 and 60 are due to this disease.

As the members of this Association are aware, it has been my duty to study the statistics of the Province for many years, and hence it is natural that I may have become especially impressed with the relatively enormous mortality from this disease, not in one but in every part of the Province; but every physician is unfortunately too well aware of its ravages. The problem of how we shall be able to bring this new addition to our armamentarium into operation must seriously engage our attention.