

they will; but we contend that the state must not undertake the care nor permit any one to do so, of the insane, the sick, infirm with age, the child, nor the criminal, in buildings that are not fire proof. If this age of stone, brick, cement, steel, slate, etc., there need be nothing that will burn but the bed clothing and the furniture. These do not cause a general conflagration. They are always within the control of an ordinary attendant.

We trust that the fire in the Brandon Asylum will drive home the force of Shakespeare's words "Ill blows the wind that profits nobody." If this terrible warning only induces all the provinces to insist on fire proof buildings in future, and to reconstruct those now in use that are not of such a character, in the end all will be thankful for the Brandon fire, as no lives were lost. Some day there will be a holocaust. Instead of explaining to the electors the loss of some money, the authorities will be called upon to answer for several hundred lives.

GOOD MILK.

No city should tolerate bad milk. It should be laid down as a working rule that those who deal in milk must keep healthy cows, house them properly, and give them good food. Then the milk should be cared for properly until it reaches the consumer. Any one who cannot or will not comply with these conditions, should be put out of business.

Many times have typhoid fever outbreaks been traced to the infection of milk. A dairy maid has typhoid fever and safe precautions are not taken, the result is that the milk supply is infected and many are made ill and some die. This sort of thing no city council should allow for a moment. If such should be permitted, such a council should be charged with criminal neglect. What holds good in law for the individual should be made to hold good for the municipality.

The other day we learned that Dr. Hastings, the Medical Health Officer for Toronto, has put the ban upon a dairy where there were two cases of typhoid fever, and with a polluted well. Would that the medical health officers for other municipalities would do likewise! If they would there would soon be a material reduction in the number of typhoid cases throughout the Dominion.

We have all read of the man who came along at night and sowed tares among the wheat. It is a worse sort of an enemy that comes along and sells typhoid fever bacilli in his milk and thereby sows them in the intestinal canals of his trusting consumers. But the municipal