

Strong of frame and big of heart, as he was of body, he spared not himself to the calls of suffering humanity. In the teeth of the bitter and biting blast, through the sleet and blinding snow, often night after night without sleep save that snatched in cutter or buggy driving home—the reins dangling at his horse's heels—now digging his horse from deep snowbanks, and again performing all sorts of unheard-of feats in pursuit of his duty, this big-hearted man gave his life for his patients.

A man of unusual common sense, replete with native wit and humor, an able speaker, a most entertaining companion, a firm, true and straightforward friend, it is not surprising that he was often solicited to try for Parliamentary honors. But he had chosen his life for humanity, and to that humanity he gave it.

The medical profession can ill afford to lose men of his calibre.

Industrial Insurance, which involves medical examination of employees and prevention of sickness, should go hand in hand with workmen's compensation. In this age the watchword all along the line is prevention.

In Ontario there has recently been enacted workmen's compensation legislation, but not yet, either in Ontario, or in any other province, or city, has there been any attempt made to provide for the medical inspection necessary in any scheme of prevention of occupational diseases, save for a tentative survey in Toronto.

Once the employer of labor is convinced of the economic value of such a scheme to himself, then medical inspection of factories and other industries will rapidly come.

Of course, the great feature is as to how the burden of cost is to be divided. There are three beneficiaries under such a scheme: the state, the employer, and the employee. It is clear, then, each should bear a proportionate part of the cost of any plan projected.

Writing upon this subject, Dr. J. W. Schereschewsky, Surgeon, United States Public Health Service, sums up with the following conclusions:—

1. Industrial sickness insurance is an economic necessity in modern social evolution.
2. The basis upon which industrial insurance should rest is the prevention of illness and physical disabilities.
3. Frequent periodic physical examinations of workers constitute the logical means by which defects and diseases can be detected in their incipency.