

could this fund be put than to help its consumptive poor to secure Sanatoria treatment. If he belongs to no church, perhaps his lodge or fraternal society will help to make up this balance; and when all these fail this Association wants to stand ready to say, "John Smith, we will not allow your poverty to bar the door, and shall out of our funds, make up the deficiency, and secure for you the care and treatment which you ought to have." (Applause.)

Last year in the County of Ontario, in connection with the erection of a House of Refuge for the poor, John Cowan, of Oshawa, offered \$5,000 cash, and his brother, W. F. Cowan, offered 45 acres of land, on condition that a by-law was endorsed by the qualified ratepayers. The by-law was submitted and carried. This action also secured the \$4,000 from the Government.

I believe there are many persons in this city who, when they understand the comprehensive and co-operative plan that has now become law, will, like John and W. F. Cowan, say that they will give a certain amount on condition that the by-law mentioned is endorsed.

Thirdly, to secure the aid of the Council in preparing and submitting the by-law and agreement at the next general municipal election in accordance with the Act.

And fourthly, to carry on the campaign of education, until the ratepayers, like the insurance companies referred to in Germany, are convinced that it will be cheaper and more economical to expend money on the erection and maintenance of a Sanatorium for the consumptives of this city than to go on as we are now doing, expending about \$80,000 each year for the care of orphans and other poor persons who are largely produced by this disease. We are paying as it were the pound of cure when we should be applying the ounce of prevention.

Our legislators are fully aware of the unparalleled natural resources of this country, of the valuable assets we have in our minerals, our fisheries, our forests and our fertile lands, and they also recognize the important fact that the most valuable asset that this province has is its people, and for them have established a national school system that has brought a free school within reach of every person of school age in every municipality, have arranged by permissive legislation for bringing a house of refuge within reach of the poor in every county, and a Sanatorium within reach of every consumptive in every municipality, on a national basis.

Outside of this national provision for schools, houses of refuge and sanatoria for consumptives, there are individual schools, refuges and sanatoria. Upper Canada College is one, an institution open for those who are able and willing to pay. This institution has been of great value to the country, is presided over by a principal whose name is a household word in this Dominion. Has any one heard Dr. Parkin say one word in opposition to our national schools, or has he indicated in any way that they are in opposition to the institution over which he presides?

In this city we have the House of Providence and the House of Industry, both old and worthy institutions that have cared for many