

bettering our milk supply is, I consider, a matter of more importance than any at the present time confronting the Health Authorities of British Columbia or Canada. It is of more importance than the building of sanitariums for the treatment of tuberculosis, for one aims at an uncertain cure, the other is a preventive factor. I am not belittling the importance of the building of sanitariums for tuberculosis, but I do want to emphasize the importance of a pure milk crusade. I find that until about 1880 there was comparatively but little done in America, and less in the United Kingdom towards the bettering of the Dairy conditions. Since, however, a closer study in the milk chemically and more especially bacteriologically, and into the results arising from the feeding of infected and dirty milk to infants, has resulted in a great quantity of literature being published, and in places where intelligent authorities have acted on the information so derived, there has been a sharp drop in the percentage of deaths from the summer diarrhoea, Infective Diarrhoea, the disease which accounts for more deaths, than all the combined other infectious diseases, including Tuberculosis, is a disease which Dr. Robertson, of Birmingham, designates "a dirt disease." The infection is always through the food, and almost always through the milk supply.

I remember as a student in Montreal, that one summer an exceptionally hot one, that over ninety per cent. of all children entering the various foundling homes of that city during the summer months, died from diarrhoea. One child in six born in Montreal pays the death penalty before the age of two years. A wonderful tribute to the wisdom and efficiency of their health law, and the machinery of carrying such laws in force.

Gaffikin of Warrington, England, states that for that section of the country, which is a fair index of all England, that epidemic Diarrhoea accounts for more deaths than Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough combined. And that its death roll under twelve months almost equals that of Phthisis, for all ages.

The British Journal for Childrens Diseases, September, 1906, states that the infantile death rate in the United King-