

On the basis of English values—and they are higher in this country per life—each life at the average age of death of consumptives is worth \$1,700. This for 12,000 deaths would give the very large sum of \$20,400,000. It has been shown by the committee of one hundred in the United States the loss by sickness equals one-half of the loss by death. This means that \$10,200,000 must be added to the above. This would show that annual money loss to Canada caused by tuberculosis would amount to \$30,600,000.

In face of these stern facts we must give our support to Mr. Downey, and those who think with him. In the whole range of preventive medicine there is no field so promising as that of tuberculosis; and, yet, we are only cultivating the very edges of that great field.

Tuberculosis is infectious and spreads from the sick to the well. To stay that spread proper measures must be employed. To employ these measures we must know where the cases are. This calls for the reporting of the cases. Let the medical profession use their great influence in favor of this forward movement. We give the bill in this issue.

DR. FORBES GODFREY'S BILL.

Dr. Forbes Godfrey, member in the Ontario Legislature for West York, introduced into the Ontario House a bill somewhat like that of Indiana, looking towards the prevention of the procreation of criminals, idiots and imbeciles. On moving the second reading of his bill he presented his case with much ability.

In speaking to the motion the premier said:—

"I must ask the honourable member to withdraw his bill, and if he will not, I must ask every honourable member to vote against it. And why? For several reasons. We may as well serve notice on Providence. Better let two physicians of the lowest mental and moral type decide what number of persons shall live. This bill is one that ought not to pass and ought not to keep the attention of the House for any time."

Dr. Forbes Godfrey, in withdrawing his bill, spoke as follows:—

"Mr. Speaker, of course I will have to bow to the will of the first Minister; but I did not think I was making such a serious misstep, when Indiana considered such a bill justifiable and the State Legislature made it law, and when other States are doing the same thing. I want to state that I do not believe that in the Province of Ontario there are two medical men of such low order as the Premier has mentioned. Than the medical men, I am sure, there is not a better class of men in the Province.