

The advance of sanitary engineering has opened up an avenue whereby farmers and those living in rural districts can have all modern sanitary comforts, but the only measure of protection that can be afforded them, since they are all outside the reach of a city's by-laws, is a federal law, which would apply to the whole country.

GENERAL HEALTH REVIEW

The importance of the protection of human life should be the first consideration of every nation and any measure directed to that end should receive serious and earnest consideration. Every country to-day has to meet this new demand made by the advancement of science. It is to be regretted that in some of our cities we have such a high mortality rate and this is due in a great measure to the lack of recognition of sanitary law. The following comparison of the death-rate per 1,000 in 1913 in five important cities is instructive :

Toronto.....	12.9
Milwaukee.....	13.23
Cleveland.....	14.14
Buffalo.....	15.76
Montreal.....	21.51

Due regard should be shown to cleanliness, with rigid forms of periodical inspections by competent inspectors. Cost is a matter of minor importance as compared to the protection received from efficient plumbing. Again, lack of attention to ventilation has been a source of trouble and due regard should be paid to the securing of pure air, in all buildings. Stringent regulations should be drawn governing the use of the many mechanical appliances at present used for ventilation.

CONCLUSION

Every country in the world at present has had to face these problems in one form or another and the statutes of every state and nation are replete with laws concerning public health. Forty years ago plumbing was considered a luxury, but at the present time, sanitary plumbing is a necessity and within the reach of everybody, even dwellers in rural districts, and is now recognized as essential to public health.

The protection afforded by legislation has been the result of education, and some conditions once tolerated are now known as dangerous to life and are therefore controlled. But the matter has been so long left to the will of the individual cities and towns that any attempt to over-ride these privileges has been resented. With