

beef animals, the Jewish method or the ordinary. The weight of evidence rested with the Jewish side, the only counter balancing objection being the sentimental one of probably giving more pain to the animal by incision with the knife than the blow on the head, not appearing to consider the fact that some animals require many blows to bring them down but only one stroke with the knife.

The hog does not appear to appeal to the sentimental public as he is always killed with a knife and his squeal passes unheeded.

Modern sanitation is the creation of a few years back, and statistics show splendid results in those countries that are up-to-date, so much so that an epidemic with serious results is looked on as not excusable on the part of those whose business it is to carry out sanitary laws.

In this province we are very poorly equipped. Health laws we have, good as far as they go, but practically obsolete, as there is no proper means of enforcing them. This should be remedied so that in any case of threatened epidemic, the whole province could be forewarned and precautions taken.

The municipal councils now appoint health officials, but from the best I can find out their duties are not even carried out perfunctorally. A health officer should have a special knowledge, but in Nova Scotia he only requires a sufficient number of votes, and there is reason to believe that the majority of those appointed are not desirous of the position, so that the practical carrying out of the health laws is a "myth." Now and then something happens that galvanizes into action for the time, but when the occasion passes off they drop back into the old corner and again fall asleep.

To illustrate one of our requirements, the secretary of the Provincial Board of Health receives regular notification from the adjoining state and provincial boards of health at any time that any epidemic appears, and regular notices of its progress and what is done for its restrictions. Now we should have some one or more in every county to whom our secretary of Provincial Board of Health could communicate such information and who would be guided accordingly.

These officials should be medical men who should receive pay for their work and have the work done in a proper manner. It would be their duty also to advise the secretary of Provincial Board of Health of the presence of any epidemic in their section, so that others could be warned in time. They should also send quarterly reports to the Provincial Board of Health, giving the health statistics of their county as far