

disease cases. During the month of September, 1918, of 110,000 Canadians in Great Britain there were but 750 cases, a reduction in the admissions during this interval of 66 per cent. The evidence of effective measures used in the army, the report of the Sydenham Royal Commission in England, and the efforts of an Honorary Advisory Committee in Military District No. 2, and of the Toronto Academy of Medicine influenced the Ontario Government to appoint the Hon. Mr. Justice Hodgins as a Royal Commission of Investigation in 1917. The result of the report of this commission was that in the Session of 1918 the Government passed the Venereal Diseases Prevention Act, the earliest comprehensive legislation of the kind in Canada. In the summer of 1917 the Committee referred to, associated with the Provincial Board of Health of Ontario, had taken up with the Dominion Government the question of issuing a license to the Board to produce an arsphenamine product under the War Measures Act in order to reduce to reasonable proportions the cost of this remedy. This license was granted in March, 1920, and our product (which we have named Phenarsenamine) is now in use in our clinics and Boards of Health. With the assistance of the public health officers of other provinces of Canada, and of social workers interested in the question of venereal disease, pressure was brought by the Board to bear on the Dominion Government to give financial aid to the provinces in the care of venereal cases, and at the recent session of Parliament the sum of \$200,000 was voted for this purpose. This money is to be distributed to the provinces in proportion to population on condition that an equal amount is voted by the several provinces. In the present year Ontario voted \$115,000 for venereal disease work, a Division of Venereal Disease was formed, and ten clinics have been established. Our plan of procedure in forming clinics is as follows:—To a hospital or Board of Health we offer a grant of \$1,000.00 for the equipment of a clinic; \$500.00 annually towards the expense of a social worker, and \$500.00 annually towards the pay of the specialist in charge of a clinic. For treatments we pay fifty cents each in case of either gonorrhœa or syphilis, and in case of bed patients twenty-five cents additional. We also furnish standard history sheets and report forms, and free Phenarsenamine. A strong National Council for combating venereal