

work done by outside printing establishments instead of endeavouring to increase the facilities of the king's printer.

Mr. BENTLEY: I was hoping, like the hon. member for Peace River, that we would reach a discussion of resolution No. 13, with regard to arthritis, under notices of motion on to-day's order paper; but since it seems that we are not likely to reach it and since I can find no item in the estimates where special mention is made of arthritis, may I say on this item that I have had a lot of correspondence on this subject. I have not had my correspondence on arthritis and old age pensions mixed up as the hon. member for Calgary West said his was, but I should like to refer to one letter which is typical of the correspondence I received. The writer asks that we strongly support a donation or contribution or grant—whichever is the appropriate term—of \$10,000 to the Canadian rheumatic diseases association. I do not know what that association is, but presumably it has some standing or it would not be investigating matters of this kind. Frequent references have been made in this chamber to the subject of arthritis, but it does not seem to strike a chord of sympathy in the official mind, at least as strongly as some of us would hope for. I do not suppose it will be an easy matter to find a remedy for this disease. I shall not quote all the figures I have from various sources as to how many people in the dominion suffer from it, but everybody knows that the number is considerable, because everybody knows, I suppose, a good many people who suffer from it, some seriously. It may be that the sufferers do not die from the disease, as do the victims of cancer and other deadly diseases; but I am convinced that it is the real cause of the death of some people, because their hearts will no longer pump the blood through their twisted bodies, which have got into that condition through years of suffering with arthritis. I am convinced, therefore, that in many instances it is a killer; and if it does not kill in the same sense as a bullet, or cancer, or tuberculosis will do, it kills all the joy of life in those people who suffer from it.

The reason I say that there does not seem to be much interest in the official mind is that I put a question on the order paper one day, asking the minister in charge whether the Department of National Health and Welfare had investigated the method of treatment for arthritis and rheumatic diseases used by Doctor I. J. K. Golden, of Chicago; if so, what were the results of such investigation? The answer to both questions 1 and 2 was a

flat "no". There was not even enough interest to go and find out. For that reason I think I should put on the record to-night a letter from a gentleman named J. E. Wilder. Apparently he has some belief in Doctor Golden. I know nothing about the treatment, but I shall read what Mr. Wilder says:

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Honourable Brooke Claxton,
231 St. James Street West,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Claxton:

I read the article entitled "rheumatic study urged" in the Montreal *Daily Star* yesterday. I am very much interested in anything that can be done to relieve those suffering from rheumatism and arthritis.

In 1929 I was in Chicago trying to recuperate from a nervous breakdown and rheumatic trouble. Through another doctor I met Dr. I. J. K. Golden, 2238 West North avenue, who was making a specialty of the treatment of arthritis. I had him treat me and the results were so remarkable that I spent most of my time for the next month following up the cases that he treated and was the means of having many of my friends treated by him, all with almost miraculous results. I have seen people come into his office on crutches and after one treatment walk out without crutches or any aid from other persons. The treatment is a serum which he prepares himself and which is given intravenously and intramuscularly.

I was so convinced of the merit of his treatment that I arranged with Dr. George Morgan, senior, 4294 Western avenue, Westmount, who was connected with the Homeopathic hospital, to go with me to Chicago to see the results of four or five bad cases which Dr. Golden was to treat. Dr. Morgan was in Chicago several days and took notes on each case. When he returned to Montreal, he made a report which he submitted to the staff of the Homeopathic hospital. They asked him what kind of dope Dr. Golden used on him when he was in Chicago and refused to credit the report or to make further investigation.

Since 1929 I have visited Dr. Golden several times and had treatments from him. I have never had any recurrence of the rheumatic condition since my first treatment.

I could arrange to have anyone that you might appoint see some of the cases Dr. Golden is treating and the results he obtains. I would be willing to take care of some of the expenses incurred by their trip.

At present Dr. Golden's patients are those recommended by others who have been treated by him and those referred by other doctors after they have first done everything they could for the patient without his showing any improvement.

If you are interested in looking into this matter, I will be pleased to make an appointment with you at your convenience, to discuss it further.

Yours truly,
(signed) J. E. Wilder.

All that may or may not be worth while, but there is one significant thing about the letter which almost everyone here will recognize, that when a man offers to dig in his own pocketbook to help someone along he has