

the attempts to combat disease in civil life are spasmodic, unregulated and uncoördinated, and quite manifestly unsuccessful.

Why should the Deputy Registrar-General of the Province of Ontario say he is "appalled at the thought of so many children slipping out of our hands through negligence and carelessness?

Why should the Province of Ontario allow nearly eight thousand babies to die every year before they are one year old? The Registrar says its because of carelessness and negligence, and there are few authorities who would disagree with him. And in what does this carelessness consist? It consists in allowing bad milk to be sold for human consumption and not in insisting upon milk dealers sterilising their equipment and keeping their premises and their cows clean; it is simply negligence that we do not absolutely insist on every pint of milk sold being pure and clean, and simply negligence that we don't prosecute and clap into gaol our dishonest provision dealers who sell impure food, and a good many of the mean, contemptible little people who cheat and try to poison us with their contemptible wares. And we don't do it because we are too negligent to do so and most of us are too frightened to do it. Ibsen once wrote a play called "An Enemy of the People" in which a young doctor finds that the mineral waters which made his town famous and rich were being polluted by town sewerage. Being young and foolish he had the temerity to announce his discovery publicly. Such a blazing indiscretion could not, of course, be allowed to go unpunished, and the unwise young man was hunted out and branded as a public enemy. The playwright's parable might be pondered on by some of our Canadian citizens. Will Canada derive any satisfaction from the reflection that her infant death rate is higher than that of Great Britain, and nearly double that of New Zealand? Here are the figures;—out of every hundred children born there will die before one year is out

In Canada .....	14.
Great Britain .....	13.9
Sweden .....	9.6
Norway .....	8.6
New Zealand .....	7.6

And also can we get very much satisfaction from realizing that the infantile death rate of at least one of our Canadian cities is only exceeded by that of Russia, namely, 22 to 26 per cent. But, of course, however unpleasant these reflections may be, we must not