

utility of vaccination, another is the opposition of the superstitious who fancy that disease is sent by the Almighty and that it is sinful to oppose His will, and still another—and worst of all—is the opposition of intelligent people who, having acquainted themselves with arguments against vaccination, assume a position which only puzzles the reasonable mind but which works untold harm amongst the non-thinking class. The public health worker occupies, at best, a difficult place, and he should surely have the support of every citizen who desires the welfare of the community. It is safe guessing that he knows more about what should be done than 999 out of a thousand of those who venture to criticize him, and as it is not often that a man takes up the defence of the public health for purely selfish motives, it can be reasonably assumed that the average health officer acts upon what he thinks to be the best information obtainable.

The mildness of the smallpox which we of late have experienced has given rise to no end of disputation, and has occasioned some unpleasant and not a few serio-comic situations. In order to show you that there is a way by which all misunderstanding may be avoided, I quote an extract from an order-in-council published in a late issue of the Alberta Gazette: "Owing to the close resemblance between chickenpox and a mild form of smallpox, and the difficulty of distinguishing between these two diseases, and the rarity of the occurrence of chickenpox in a person over fourteen years of age, any case resembling chickenpox or diagnosed as chickenpox in a person over fourteen years of age shall be regarded as smallpox and treated as smallpox." Thus the lawmakers solve a difficulty which has proven impossible of solution to many*medical men.

A disease which is all too prevalent throughout our whole Dominion is typhoid fever. Hygienists consider that this disease is one which could, by properly directed effort, be completely controlled. Some go so far as to say that a community in which typhoid exists stands disgraced. It is essentially a water-borne