

Review of Happenings in the Medical World.

New Director for Red Cross

Dr. Fred W. Routley of Maple, Ont., has been appointed Director of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and is taking over his duties immediately at the office of the division, 410 Sherbourne street, Toronto.

Dr. Routley graduate in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1907, and has had an extensive general practice at Maple, Ont., for thirteen years. He is a brother of Dr. T. C. Routley, Organizing Secretary of the Ontario Medical Association.

Dr. Fred Routley has been active in medical circles, having been largely instrumental in organizing York County Medical Society, of which he held the office of President for six years; he has also served on the General Purposes Committee of the Ontario Medical Association. As a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine in Toronto, he has kept in touch with the latest developments in medical science.

Campaign Against Cancer.

Efforts are being made to get the public in Canada and the United States interested in a campaign against that dread disease, cancer, which is now killing one out of every ten persons over forty years of age. It is unquestionable that many of these deaths are pre-

ventable, since cancer is frequently curable if recognized and properly treated. In a circular recently issued by a prominent life company to help in the dissemination of useful information about the disease, it is pointed out that cancer begins as a small local growth which can often be entirely removed by competent surgical treatment, or, in certain external forms, by radium, X-ray or other methods. Cancer is not a constitutional or blood disease, and it is not communicable. It is not inherited. Its beginning is usually painless, and its insidious onset is often overlooked. Other danger signals must accordingly be recognized and competent medical advice obtained at once. Every persisting lump in the breast is a warning sign. All such lumps are not cancer, but even innocent tumors of the breast may turn into cancer if neglected. Any sore that does not heal, particularly about the mouth, lips or tongue, is a danger signal. Persistent indigestion in middle life with loss of weight and change of color, or with pain, vomiting or diarrhoea, call for thorough and competent medical examination.

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