

children in that city. Referring again to the city of London, we are now trying to stop the use by bakers and milk venders of bread and milk tickets, which, by reason of continuous handling, become foul and excellent carriers of disease germs, and have substituted therefor perforated tickets, bound in booklet form, which shall be of no further use after being detached.

As consumption is the most prevalent and the most fatal of diseases in Canada, our efforts should be especially directed against it, and medical officers should urge the co-operation of all good citizens to wage an unceasing war against it.

Last year in the Dominion there were 3,000 more deaths from consumption than from all other infectious diseases. In Ontario one person in every 1,000 of the population dies annually from consumption. Last year the province lost 2,500 wage-earners from this disease, which means a direct loss of \$2,500,000, and an indirect loss of an almost incalculable sum besides.

Consumption is contagious, and therefore many deaths from this disease might be prevented. It is also curable in many cases when taken in time. The hygienic remedies for consumption are pure air and nutritious food.

Physicians should impress upon consumptive patients and their friends the communicable nature of the disease. They should report all cases to the medical health officer for the purpose of record; but the placarding of houses where such patients live is not required.

All deaths from consumption and chronic bronchitis should be promptly reported by the physician to the medical health officer, so that he may order and superintend such measures of disinfection as he may deem necessary, and the city clerk should refuse to issue burial certificates in cases of death from consumption until the death certificate has been endorsed by the medical health officer.

The managers of free libraries and all other public and Sunday School libraries should not issue books to consumptive patients or their families, and these officials are requested to have printed on their library cards an announcement to the effect that books will not be issued to persons residing in any house where there is a case of consumption, diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, or other infectious diseases.

Twice as many die from consumption as from all other infectious diseases combined. Two deaths in every nine are caused by consumption.

As the poisonous germs of consumption are disseminated through sputa, or matter expectorated from diseased persons, special care should be taken with this substance to prevent the spread of contagion.

There should be no spitting in public buildings, conveyances or