

hope that in the serenity of death they have found eternal peace and happiness, a just reward for duty done.

Many of the founders of this Association were not only physicians and surgeons of eminence, but statesmen as well, and their example has been followed by a large number of the ablest members of our profession.

In consequence of the exertions and ability of our medical legislators, in both the Federal and Provincial Parliaments, the public have been educated to the necessity of protecting their lives from the peril of infectious diseases of a preventible character. They have been taught the lesson that there is no boon more worth possessing than life and health. In each province a Provincial Board of Health has been established, and in each municipality, village, town and city a local board of health is annually elected and a medical health officer appointed. The sanitary laws are rigidly enforced in most of the provinces. In the Province of Ontario every physician is compelled, under a heavy penalty, to report, within a very few hours after it has come under his charge, every case of a contagious or infectious nature, to the secretary of the local board of health. The house in which the case is located is immediately placarded, and no inmate is permitted to attend school until the physician in attendance certifies that the disease has disappeared and the house and its contents has been disinfected and are free from contagion. Serum therapy is well understood and its benefits appreciated. Vaccination is made compulsory. The water used for domestic purposes is carefully looked after, and any source which has been shown to be impure is closed up or condemned and the public forbidden to make further use of it. When any section of a city, town or country is shown to be unsanitary, the Provincial Board of Health, upon being notified, immediately proceeds to put it in a condition not dangerous to health. The milk furnished in towns and cities for domestic use is carefully inspected and the results published several times a year, and a heavy fine is imposed when an impure article is offered for sale. The herds of milk vendors are frequently inspected and tested with tuberculin by competent men, and all tuberculous animals are promptly destroyed. Meat offered for sale is carefully watched and any of an unwholesome nature is seized and the person exhibiting it is liable to a heavy penalty. Drainage in all the larger towns and cities is vigilantly looked after, and sanitary inspectors carefully examine all plumbing and report thereon to the board of health. The results following the above precautions have been most gratifying. Diphtheria, typhoid fever and small-pox have been almost stamped out in