

7. Cases showing a heavy growth of bacilli, on serum at 20 hours, not quite of the typical Klebs-Loeffler type, should be regarded as suspicious and strictly isolated until their non-diphtherial nature is clear. In order to avoid the conflict between the opinions of the medical attendant and the bacteriologist, it is preferable when a case is diagnosed clinically as non-diphtheritic shows a growth of bacilli, that the further tests of acid production and pathogenes is to be applied, the medical attendant being informed of the suspicious nature of the case and of the necessity of isolation pending more thorough bacteriological study. This would remove a common cause of friction between the medical attendant and the Health Officer and lead to the more careful study of the doubtful cases.

8. In spite of the use of antitoxin and the great benefits resulting from it, the mortality of diphtheria has greatly increased in Montreal during the past year.