

The promoters of this Bill in Ontario would like to lay particular stress on a few points in connection with it, viz., the appointment of a central officer by the Government whose duty it would be to appoint other officers throughout the Province in whom he would have confidence, so that not only would the patients be scientifically treated but also carefully looked after when treatment was over so that they might not lapse. We look with great hope to the medical treatment the inebriates would receive. Treatment of this kind we think would be more effective than punishment.

The Premier of Ontario on the occasion referred to, said the scheme was the most satisfactory one he ever had placed before him, and he gave the committee great hopes that he would advise doing something immediately. Later on, this committee met the medical men of the Legislature and discussed the whole matter. And a little later, in conjunction with a number of other committees, members of the Government were interviewed, but all our efforts up to the present time have proved unavailing. Why? Because it would cost too much money! A paltry ten thousand a year to save good lives and useful citizens! Let us protest against such economy. * * * We must make the members of the Government feel that we, the people of Ontario, demand that our money be spent as we desire; if this be not done than they lose our votes.

We hope that in the near future our Government will see its way clear to take action in the direction outlined. They have already been assured of the support of many of the leading counties throughout the Province. County Councils have passed resolutions favoring an appropriation for the treatment of inebriates, and we believe that a very large majority of the people of Ontario would approve definite action in this matter.