

storing of books, but also for holding our meetings in comfort. To this end we must bend our energies and united force.

Though it is not a part of the duty of this academy to become mixed up in politics, medical or otherwise, it is incumbent upon us to use our best efforts in guiding those who have the ruling of our city and our country in all matters pertaining to the health, comfort and well-being of our people. We must recognize our responsibilities and embrace our opportunities of educating the masses, as well in preventing as in the curing of disease. Our efforts towards securing pure water, milk and food must be continued, and we must not forget to protest against the overcrowding of houses in the more central parts of our city. Unnecessary and harmful noises should be eliminated, and the noxious smoke which pervades the city and hangs like a pall over it should be prevented. The question as to the harmful results from the glare of the many naked lights has often presented itself to me, and I think that our section on ophthalmology might well give it some consideration. Our city is making progress towards the purifying of the water supply, and at last scientific action is being taken, so that we may be emancipated from the disgrace of having harmful impurities served up to us through our water taps.

The question of pure water is an international one. We in Canada have such a lavish supply of water in our great lakes that we are careless about its contamination. One cannot view without alarm the immense amount of impurity flowing from the cities, towns and villages bordering on our lakes and streams. It is horrible to think of the enormous amount of filth flowing down the Niagara river into our beautiful lake, and then to realize that every little harbor is polluted by similar untreated effluent. We must do our share towards urging our representatives in Parliament to take this question up in the broadest sense and to secure combined action, not only amongst ourselves, but also with our neighbors to the south.

We may be thankful that the question of pure milk is taking hold of the people. The Milk Commission of this Academy has done good and effective work, and it is being followed by wider efforts on the part of our local government. There are many difficulties in the way, and every effort must be made to strengthen the hands of those in authority. It was with surprise that I noticed in the daily press a short time ago the imposition