

As the law exists at the present time it is the old story of "No pay, no work." The public and the public purse are the sufferers.

At the last session of the Legislature there was a bill introduced by the member for Guelph (Mr. Downey) for the establishment of County Boards of Health, to deal especially with tuberculosis. The Provincial Board had discussed the bill and approved of it, and it was sent to the Legislature so that it might be discussed thoroughly and amended if thought desirable.

Briefly, it was designed to establish County Boards of Health, to consist of the Warden, the County Clerk, who would act as Secretary, and one member sent from each local board of the different municipalities.

Under the provisions of the bill, power is given to notify cases of tuberculosis, to isolate as may seem desirable, to have the sputum examined, a record kept, to build sanatoria, etc. The measure, as one newspaper described it, is an admirable one and would be easily workable. Unfortunately it did not receive the attention and discussion it merited, and from the remarks made by some of the members, it was evident they had either not read it, or, if so, had altogether missed its meaning. The scheme is inexpensive, simple, and would seem to be a considerable advance step in the control of a terrible scourge.

REMUNERATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND FOR ATTENDANCE UPON THE POOR.

According to law, a medical practitioner is compelled, under a severe penalty, to supply the Clerk of the municipality, who is the division registrar, with the necessary information regarding vital statistics. He may be, and sometimes is, fined for neglecting to do so. There is no fault to be found with such a law. It is right and proper, but, while the division registrar receives a fee for registration we supply the facts and get nothing for it. Practising lawyers, judges of the various courts, the Crown Attorney of your county, all receive fees for various legal papers not more important, but we, simply because we have not made our influence felt amongst our law-makers, do all these things gratis. Do you not think it time for a change? If we fill out a certificate for an insurance company, without which the beneficiary of a deceased person is unable to receive the amount of an insurance policy, do we get anything for so doing? Not a cent! You will not find our legal brethren doing anything so foolish. They are able, under the law, to collect good fees for work of a similar character. One often hears the remark, "There are too many lawyers in Parliament." This may or may not be true, but there are certainly too many doctors both in and out of Parliament who seem to have no interest in the welfare of the greatest profession of them all.