

This is no doubt the most advanced legislation of the kind in existence, and deals with the following subjects, among others:

*Veneral diseases, their treatment by medical practitioners only—*

Persons suffering from these diseases must place themselves under treatment and keep themselves under treatment until cured.

Medical practitioners are to report cases of venereal diseases under treatment by them.

Name and address of patient to be reported on failure to continue treatment.

Certificate of cure to be given.

Bacteriological examinations to be made free of charge.

Compulsory examination and treatment under certain conditions.

Subsidized hospitals or salaried medical practitioners to give free treatment.

The prohibition of quack cures.

Secrecy to be preserved, etc.

The Act is an excellent one, and full of suggestions worthy of the greatest consideration in Canada.

In the city of New York advanced legislation is in force, and follows along the general lines indicated in the Western Australian Act.

Many educational pamphlets are also issued both in Australia and New York. These are available for public use. They treat of such subjects as the following:

To warn persons not infected.

To warn and instruct persons who are infected with these diseases so that they will appreciate the absolute necessity of treatment.

To arouse a desire in the persons who have been infected to know absolutely whether they have been cured.

It is a matter of opinion among the majority of sanitary officers that no distinction should be made between venereal and other infectious diseases.

If this be admitted there must be intelligent educational campaigns, proper prevention, effective isolation and persistent treatment.

Veneral diseases stand pre-eminent as a menace to the race and incidentally to the nation. The physical and social evils following in their wake are well known to the whole medical profession. When we realize the immediate and remote results of infection that is not treated, and contemplate the horrors entailed by a possession of these vile diseases, we shudder for the future of civilization, and marvel that the health authorities have not risen in violent protest long ere this.

In Canada we are rapidly reaching a condition not much better than that in the old world where venereal diseases have played