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### THE SELECTION OF CASES FOR THE MUSKOKA FREE HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

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The extermination of tuberculosis depends largely on the general practitioner. We look to him to recognize the disease in time, and to make existing sanatoria of the utmost possible use to the community. At the Muskoka Free Hospital, intended and plainly announced to be for the treatment of incipient pulmonary tuberculosis, out of a total of 419 admissions during three years, 32 per cent. have been far advanced cases. Moreover, about one-third of all applications sent are refused on account of obvious unsuitability of cases. That is to say that about five-ninths of all cases recommended by physicians are entirely unsuitable for sanatorium treatment. It is true that people of the working class for whom the institution is intended, are often deplorably late in seeking medical advice. It is also true that where there is any doubt in the mind of a physician, no harm is done by making application, provided that patient and physician are prepared to take a refusal, if necessary. But the fact that some physicians, general practitioners, almost invariably recommend good cases leads to a belief that the cases are to be found and could be given the benefit of the hospital in greater numbers if there were a better general understanding among physicians of the factors that make for suitability or unsuitability of cases for sanatorium treatment.