

rise in Great Britain some thirty years ago when the Imperial Parliament passed an Act, which was generally comprehensive, to promote the health of towns. Since the passing of that Act, numerous other Acts, some twenty-nine in number, have supplemented it, so that experts in hygiene and law became bewildered, as the accumulation of sanitary legislation was such that they were comparatively inoperative. Some year or two since, this being an acknowledged evil, a Royal Commission was issued under the presidency of Sir Charles Adderley, a codification or consolidation of all the Acts resulted, and during the past session the present Government of Great Britain repealed the Acts of previous years, and introduced a consolidated statute, containing all the points of value in the repealed Acts, which became the law of the land.

In Canada we are without any sanitary legislation. The Government of this country has recently introduced and passed a law in reference to the adulteration of food, liquors and drugs, and we believe that public analysts have been or are about to be appointed. This is all very well and very necessary but is a mere item in the many legislative enactments which are required for this country. In looking into this subject we must be fully prepared for its vastness and if wisdom guides our counsels we will try and take advantage of the teaching which legislation in other parts of the world affords. Laying aside all theory, we know as a fact, disease of whatever kind, will become more prevalent, more virulent, more fatal, and more permanent, in localities, where sanitary laws are ignored. It appears to be the scourge for the neglect of those ordinary rules of cleanliness which contribute to our comfort, if they do not improve our health. Wherever sanitation is laid aside, epidemic disease will arise, and with the sword of the destroying angel do its deadly work of destruction, until appeased, by arousing to a proper sense of the evil of neglect, a better condition of things amongst the sufferers.