

The remaining recommendations, nine in number, deal with the necessary legislation, especially in regard to immigration, marriage laws, juvenile courts, legal definition, licensing of homes, provision for idiots and imbeciles, periodical inspection of all institutions, medical education and criminal trials.

Regarding marriage laws Mr. Justice Hodgins says: "There is no reason why our marriage laws should not contain some provision upon the subject. Given a proper system of survey and registration, there is no sensible reason why those registered as feeble-minded should marry without let or hindrance.

"In Ontario there is a great need for a consolidation of the various statutes dealing with lunatics, hospitals, private sanitarium, reformatories and refuges, and for the simplification of procedure dealing with administrations, detention, parole and discharge."

The commission thinks that the provision regarding the declaration of lunacy as found in the Ontario Lunacy Act might apply to all cases of mental defect and incompetence, including epilepsy.

He finds that the Provincial Secretary should be the authority to discharge from an institution in all cases, and parole should not be left to the discretion of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, or to any other single official, except with the consent of the Provincial Secretary or a departmental committee or board of control, if established.

"This last point I regard as most important. If parole can be granted to the female mental defectives from refuges by direction of the Inspector only, as done recently in some cases mentioned before me, then there is no real security."

With the evidence now before us, there can be no excuse for further delay. The Province will readily spend \$20,000 to bring a criminal to trial. It would be much better to take charge of such a person when young, and spend some money on him with the object of preventing crime. His suggestions that males of recidivist character, and females of child-bearing age, should be retained indefinitely, will meet with the approval of all. When this class of the community has been located, there should be proper safeguards thrown around their marrying. The report is to be very warmly commended. Action should follow.

VACCINATION.

We start out with the statement that vaccination is the same infection as smallpox, and, therefore, is capable of establishing protection. If a child has a mild attack of scarlet fever, that child is just