

better be kept at home under appropriate sanitary regime, as their presence in a sanatorium exercises a demoralizing influence upon the other patients. These latter cases should be especially cared for in a City hospital, conducted upon the same principles as our civic infectious hospitals, and at the expense of the City, or State, or both.

In Montreal, during the year 1897, we had 827 deaths from tuberculosis, *i. e.*, more than 10 per cent. of all deaths which occurred during the year, which are enumerated and classified under more than 100 different forms of disease as causing death, and of which only one other gave a superior number, *i. e.*, gastro enteritis, 1,396 deaths, 1,231 of which occurred during the first year of life. This gives about 2.7 deaths from tuberculosis per thousand of population, which is not above the average for cities of its size on this continent. When one considers the fact that this disease is now successfully treated by absolute rest, proper hygiene, open air and a liberal diet, one cannot help asking why the Government of the province does not take the matter in hand and treat in this way as many cases among the poorer classes as can conveniently be treated, and they in turn, being restored to health, would, by their systematic life and knowledge acquired during their stay in State institutions, educate others in how to prevent the spread of this dreaded scourge. Our local and provincial Boards of Health should be asked to take active steps in the matter of the prevention of the disease, while our local government should at once attempt to do something for our consumptive poor. With such associated forces, we should within five years reduce the mortality by one-half, and within ten years be rid of "the plague of the North."

It is strange, but true, that when a physician tells a patient that his lungs are weak, said patient never dreams for a moment that he is sick. His disease to him is not a disease, and often only a pretext for a holiday, and usually he makes the best of it at some fashionable resort. Given the same patient outside of the discipline and watchfulness of an institution, even though you may at great length describe within well defined limits his mode of life at a health resort,