

Ontario is going to grapple with the tuberculosis problem with renewed vigor. Mr. Downey is promoting legislation looking towards the formation of county or district associations to help on the crusade. A deputation recently waited on the Government asking that consumption be made a notifiable disease. This should have been done long since, and pneumonia likewise, as it is now established beyond doubt that the disease in some cases is conveyable from person to person. La grippe is accountable for a great and widespread destruction of human life. Why not add it to the list as well? The field of the sanitary scientist is ever broadening. In a few years state medicine will have become the most important branch of the practice of medicine. Long ago Lauder Brunton predicted that the time would come when physicians would be more engaged in preventing disease than in treating people sick. That time is hastening on apace. In some respects health officers are lax in carrying out the laws of the land. Measles, whooping-cough, chicken-pox and mumps are equally classified with diphtheria, scarlet fever and smallpox, but scores and hundreds of these cases occur every year that are never reported. What the law requires in regard to all should not be applied to the most dangerous to life, whilst the others are allowed to go by the board.

The Federal Proprietary and Patent Medicine Act has been distributed to members of Parliament. This is decidedly important legislation, demanded in the best interests of the people. In plain words, it simply seeks to regulate the trade and commerce of these commodities. Sometimes they may be useful, sometimes dangerous and often times absolutely of no good whatever. Indeed, under a large section of the trade in these so-called remedies comes the latter class. It would be nothing more than foolish and nonsensical to say that all patent medicines and proprietary preparations in drugs were no good. Some of them are no doubt good prescriptions, accurately compounded. But we are thoroughly of the belief—every man to his calling in life—consequently, like all physicians, we consider we are the