

child hygiene movement of the Health Department. The boat has a supply of everything that can be required. There is a doctor on board and nurses to care for the babies and instruct those who are in charge of them.

It is expected that this regular outing on the fresh water will do much for many a delicate baby, and restore to health many a sickly infant. The Health Department is entitled to commendation for this movement, and unstinted praise should be accorded to Mr. Solmon for his share in making this good work a possibility. When a community has such generous minded citizens in its midst there is hope. It is like leaven in the citizen body. The child mortality in Toronto must be reduced, as it has been altogether too high in the past.

The National Conservation Commission, which puts the average value of the baby at \$2,900, a figure obtained by deducting the average cost of rearing a child from the average earnings of an adult during the average lifetime.

On this basis, it was pointed out, New York lost over \$40,000,000 in 1913 and in 1912 approximately \$55,000,000.

Now Toronto's infantile death rate is higher than New York, being 144 per thousand, while New York is 102 per thousand. Here in Toronto we have 20,000 babies, with 11,000 under 1 years, so anyone with a head for figures can find out what it would mean to the city in dollars were the death rate to be cut in half, something considerably over seven figures.

Now is it not worth while to save for our country this great wealth? For, after all, a nation's greatest asset is its children. It will be by just such splendid efforts as those now being inaugurated in the new division of the Department of Public Health we may hope to see our high infantile mortality cut down to that of such countries as Norway, Sweden and New Zealand.

It is really now beginning to dawn upon the public conscience that human life is the greatest wealth of a nation. It has been wasted with lavish profusion in the past. We have advocated the value of preventive medicine, and rejoice that our views are making headway. The reduction of infant mortality, the prevention of tuberculosis, safeguarding workmen against accidents are some of the ways of vastly increasing the nation's wealth.

DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS.

When any new subject rises above the horizon for consideration and discussion there is bound to be marked differences of opinion. Some