

and for sheer lack of civic organization, allows even the laborers it has brought over to be decimated by enteric fever due to a contaminated water supply.

All this infantile mortality and adult sickness means that the production of a destitute class is beginning. The elaborate "eugenic" precautions taken at the ports are being nullified by the production of cripples and degenerates in the interior. Presently, too, the problem of the widow and orphan—as yet almost unfelt—will begin to demand a wise collective provision. Finally, the absence of any adequate provision for training the Canadian youth, so that he may grow up more than a manual laborer, will lead presently to an "unemployed" problem (which began to be seen in Toronto a few winters ago). All this demands thought—thought which does not seem yet to be given.

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- (1) Ontario has a high infant mortality.
- (2) A high infant mortality is a sign of the need of education and of raising our standard of civilization, especially in sanitary matters.

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(3) This education should be made effective by the government, the municipality, the school, and the medical profession.

(4) The baby is a citizen. His or her arrival should be notified to the Division Registrar within 24 hours, by the doctor, father, nurse, or other responsible person. Immediately thereupon the Medical Health Officer should be notified and give an official card of birth registration, to be kept for the baby by the mother, to whom the card is to be given by the visiting nurse, within a few hours of the notification, in order that she may, if necessary, give expert advice and assistance in regard to the feeding and to the care of the baby.

(5) Every effort should be made to popularize the Birth Registration Bureau, by placing it, or a notice directing to it, in such a manner that every one who enters or passes the City Hall may see it. The convenience of the citizens to be consulted in every way. In cities over 100,000, this Birth Registration Bureau to be kept open at all times (perhaps with colored lights to indicate it), and every facility given to assist citizens to make registrations.

(6) The first person to notify any birth within 24 hours, to receive a fee of 25 cents from the municipality.

(7) Every certificate of death for any child under one year of age shall state the exact method employed to feed such child.

(8) Medical Health Officers to make weekly returns of births and infant deaths to the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, and to state in what ward, township, etc., such occurred.

(9) The Provincial Government to make a special grant of one-third of the salary paid to any physician or nurse exclusively employed in Infant Welfare work in any municipality.