

I aim to keep my patient's health above par, and great importance is attached to climatic influence. It is just as important to have a patient with hip disease in a climate where bacilli are in high dilution as it is to have a phthisical patient in this altitude. With such advantages, then, the prognosis ought to be good. We can control a tuberculous epiphysis better than we can a tuberculous lung. By means of axillary and peroneal crutches the patients can live in the open air.

I thank the gentlemen of the Association for the attention they have given me, and I trust that I have made myself well understood.

THE CLIMATE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA AND ITS RELATION TO HEALTH AND DISEASE.

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It appears to me that no apology is necessary in introducing the subject of this paper. It is only a few years since the opening of our great national highway brought the North-West Territories into touch with the rest of the world. And only a few years further back since these vast plains and mountains which are now so quickly becoming the home of civilized man were regarded as an inhospitable desert, fit only for the buffalo which roamed their solitudes and the Indians subsisting on the chase. The past five years have been epoch-making, so far as our great west is concerned. Coincident with and following on the building of the Canadian Pacific, a flood of light began to illumine the eastern intelligence, and, as a consequence, settlement has steadily and in a gradually increasing stream poured into the territories, and cities, towns and villages, surrounded by cultivated farms, now occupy the places once sacred to the Indian tepee or the half-breed camp.

As a matter of course, this progress has been marked by a corresponding increase of knowledge with regard to our climate. We are no longer supposed merely to exist Esquimaux-like for the greater part of the year. It is conceded that our winters are bearable, even, in some enlightened minds, that they may