

Much can be done and at very little cost. Organic matter can be removed in cities at such intervals as will prevent the breeding of these insects. Regulations can be adopted with reference to the disposal of garbage. Useful regulations could be enforced to prevent the exposing of food to contamination. Good will come of the discussion.

A HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

For many years we have urged that governments and municipalities should unite in doing their duty in the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis. At a time when few would give ear to such teaching we were urging that consumption was a contagious disease. We do not need to urge this view now.

We are of the opinion that all large cities should own and conduct a sanatorium for the treatment of consumption. This is the sound view. The cost would fall on every one in proportion to what he owns in the city. To none would it be a heavy burden, and everyone should be willing to pay his share with right gladness. Every death from consumption means an average loss of several thousand dollars, apart from the loss due to impaired earning power of those who are ill and waiting their turn to die.

It is impossible to do big things on small means. Toronto is now a big city and growing rapidly. There must be special accommodation found somewhere for our consumptives. We think it would be much better for the city to spend \$175,000 now in securing the accommodation needed for the present than to hand over \$200,000 as was proposed to the sanitarium association, and have no direct control over the situation.

We must give our support to some such plan as that advocated by Dr. Hastings. It is the one that will yield, in the end, the best results; and will also prove the most economical. There would be some who could pay some or all the cost of their maintenance. This would reduce to the public the total cost. The real question, however, is not one of cost solely, but having suitable accommodation at any cost. We have been too long in the habit of talking about the wealth of our mountains, streams, lakes, forests, mines, etc., and saying nothing about the wealth of our country and the people it contains. On the value given to each life of all ages and occupations by the committee of one hundred in the United States, the people in Canada represent an aggregate wealth of \$13,012,500,000. Such figures stagger one.

Dr. Hastings stated that in the next ten years there would die in Toronto of tuberculosis, 6,000 persons. Now, suppose we put no higher