

enjoyed, or otherwise, during the past one and one-half or two decades.

It has been observed that there is no reliable test for drunkenness, which is the *bête noir* of the whole alcoholic problem. On the other hand, however, there is the fairly reliable test, or index, for chronic alcoholism, namely, the incidence of delirium tremens.

Had our provincial boards of health reliable statistics at hand of the incidence of delirium tremens in any province during the past six months, and a comparison made with such in the succeeding six months after the adoption of temperance, or prohibition, measures, then there would be reliable and authentic information to tell the good, or the reverse, effects of temperance measures. As the alcoholic problem has been for many years, more or less, a football to be kicked about by party politicians, they should now concern themselves more with the scientific aspect of the question and so provide the machinery for the collection of scientific information on the subject.

Judging from the advertisements in the public press, there is an urgent invitation to fill the wine cellar at home and so provide for future demands. It will be interesting to watch, and record if possible, any increased chronic alcoholism in the community, as the temptation must surely be stronger when the drink is ready to hand, and this will be best indexed up by the incidence of cases of delirium tremens. Should this prove not to be the case it will be one good count in favor of a prohibitory enactment.

It has been said that cutting off the liquor leads in many cases to drug addiction. Drug addiction is said to be on the increase in various centres in Canada. It will be interesting to watch to ascertain if it will be more so after prohibition goes into effect.

Quite possibly legislation will soon be required in that direction too. The Medical Council of Ontario has advised the members of the medical profession to exercise a wise discretion in the writing of prescriptions for alcoholic liquors. They may well pray to be delivered from both the alcoholic and the drug addict.

The Farmer is not much Concerned with the Occupational, or Industrial Diseases. But there is one occupation on the farm which in recent years has undergone widespread development and, therefore, calls for the drawing of widespread attention to the dangers connected therewith. The silo is a