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The Present Status of Anti-Tuberculosis Work in Canada*

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THE second meeting of the British Medical Association in Canada seems a most appropriate time to present a report of what is being done in the Dominion to combat tuberculosis, for it was in 1897, when the Association first met in Canada, that Dr. Barnes, the retiring president of the Association, Dr. Roddick, the president-elect, with others, journeyed to our northern highlands to assist in the opening of the Muskoka Cottage Sanatorium which had been built by the National Sanitarium Association.

This Association was the pioneer in organized effort to check consumption in Canada, and this was the first Sanatorium erected in Canada.

In the nine years which have followed, much has been done by this and other organizations, while private individuals, municipalities and the Governments of the various Provinces are showing increased interest in the tuberculosis problem and have given material assistance in the campaign.

In this paper I wish to review the various agencies at work, and to show as far as possible what has been accomplished.

My data has been secured from the secretaries of the various Provincial Boards of Health, from the Medical Health Officers of the towns and cities with population of over 5,000, and from the secretaries of the various Associations, while much has been written from personal knowledge.

There have been ten Associations formed in Canada for the Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis. Two of these are national in their scope and have a number of active branches. Two provincial associations have been formed, and a number of local associations have been and are being organized throughout the Dominion.

The following list is as complete as I have been able to collect:

National.

National Sanitarium Association of Canada. Organized 1896. Thirty-two branch

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associations. Their Excellencies Earl and Lady Grey, Patrons; Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, President; W. J. Gage, Esq., Chairman of Executive Committee; J. S. Robertson, Secretary, Saturday Night Building, Toronto, Ont.

The Canadian Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis; nine branches; organized 1901. His Excellency Earl Grey, Hon. President; Senator Edwards, President; J. M. Courtney, Esq., C.M.G., Hon. Treasurer; Rev. Wm. Moore, D.D., Secretary, Organizer and Lecturer, 102 Bank Street, Ottawa.

Provincial.

British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Association; has numerous local branches. C. J. Fagan, M.D., Secretary, Victoria, B.C.

The New Brunswick Association for the Prevention and Cure of Consumption. Dr. Wm. Bayard, St. John, N.B.

Local.

Montreal League for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. President, Sir George A. Drummond; Secretary, Dr. E. S. Harding.

Quebec League for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. Rev. Canon Scott, St. Matthew's Rectory, Quebec.

The District of St. Francis League for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. Sec.-Treas., Dr. E. J. Williams, Sherbrooke, Que.

Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives. W. J. Gage, Chairman; J. S. Robertson, Saturday Night Building, Toronto, Secretary.

Hamilton Health Association, Hamilton, Ont.

Local Branches of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis at Charlottetown and Summerside, P.E.I.; Colechester, N.S.; Sherbrooke and Montreal, Que.; Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton, Ont.

Thirty-two local branches of the National Sanitarium Association.

NATIONAL SANITARIUM ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

In 1896, when one of the founders of this Association wrote to the Toronto City Council