

some time and has had the hearty support of the Minister of Agriculture and others in the Cabinet. With such an able Commission and equally able and enthusiastic Department, we may be satisfied that before this Association meets again, much will be accomplished.

During the past year the Milk Commission of the Canadian Medical Association has been doing good work. Locally the Milk Commission of the Academy of Medicine has been successful in doing more than we could have reasonably expected from a body of men busy with the routine of medical practise. These men have given of their time and energy most generously, with the result that it is now possible in the City of Toronto to purchase certified milk which must reach the standard of purity required by that Commission.

From the daily press we learn that Mr. John Ross Robertson that good old protector of sick and helpless children, has recently been most active in securing for Toronto the establishment of infant milk stations which will provide pasteurized milk for 1,000 children daily during the coming summer. With a well selected delegation of physicians Mr. Robertson recently visited New York and consulted Mr. Nathan Strauss at his laboratory with the result that a pasturizing plant has been ordered and will soon be installed by Dr. Arthur Randolph Green of New York. Recently the Medical Society of the City of Hamilton appointed a Milk Commission to look after the supply there. These are examples of what is being done in other places throughout the Province, and we point with pride to the fact that our own profession is leading in the movement.

In reference to the water supply of the City of Toronto, last January the electorate passed a by-law authorizing the expenditure of a large sum of money in a system of disposal of sewage by septic tanks and for a filtration plant for our water supply. At the time of writing some members of the council are opposing the scheme, but we can confidently hope that this opposition and delay result from some misunderstanding, which will soon be cleared up. When the people know and say what they want, they will certainly get it. They have said it—and the medical profession have helped them to learn the necessity of having pure drinking water.

The public were never so well informed in sanitary matters as they are to-day and were never so eager to learn more from us in these things. The time is coming when they will not ask what it costs to secure pure food and pure water, but they will ask how to get it at any cost.

Life Insurance Companies should be foremost in the campaign against preventable diseases. Prof. Irving Fisher, of Yale University, said:—"It is sound business for the Life Insurance Companies to work