graphical position she should occupy, and the Mayor and the new Council will be fulfilling the anticipations of the people if they proceed with the good work at once.

The report of Dr. Geo. H. Duncan, city health officer, is the first matter which should receive consideration from the new Council. The doctor deals with a variety of subjects; but perhaps the one which interests the citizens most is the lack of proper quarantine regulations on the western coast. On this point THE HOME JOURNAL has expressed itself most emphatically in the past, and it now takes this opportuniiy of fully endorsing the Health Officer in his report to the city Council. The Dominion Government should know—and if it does not it should avail itself of the earliest opportunity of obtaining expert testimony—that our quarantine requirements on this coast are altogether inadequate. Here we are constantly menaced with an alien immigration, coming from a port in which smallpox, typhoid fever and kindred pestilences are ever epidemic, and the past has shown that our quarantine is not sufficient to prevent their introduction. Cholera always exists in Hong Kong,—the port from which the Pacific liners start—while it is said that 9 out of every 10 visitors to Shanghai become victims to typhoid. Does anything further need to be said as to the necessity of disinfecting the baggage of incoming Celestials. This advice does not come from an alarmist, but from a gentleman who has recently visited the Orient and knows whereof he speaks. The new Council should take steps to have the Dominion Government informed as to the existing condition of affairs. In connection with Dr. Duncan's report, it will no doubt interest many to learn that the doctor has procured a supply of anti-toxine, the great remedy for diphtheria. Anti-toxine is one of the greatest discoveries of the age, inasmuch as diphtheria has always been regarded as the most dangerous disease with which the medical profession has had to contend. In fact medical men recognized in the disease an enemy of not only their patients, but of themselves as well.

The subject or tuberculosis is dealt with at length and certain recommendations as to the precautions necessary to prevent the spread of the disease are made.

From the above it will be observed that Dr. Duncan has guarded well the interests of the city in so far as is concerned the conduct of his department. He is making the health office not only a safeguard to the health of the citizens, but also a place in which useful knowledge can be obtained.

I regret that space prevents the publication of the report in full, and I would recommend a perusal of it, not only by the new Council but by every citizen as well.

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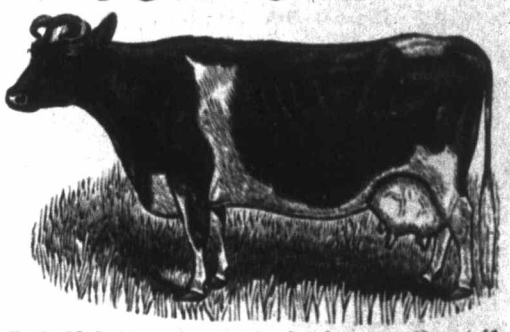

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