

## TUBERCULOSIS AND PASTEURIZED MILK

To the Editor of The Times:  
Sir:—The tuberculosis case finding campaign now going on in this city is one I am sure every citizen will be glad to assist. Experts in this line have been brought here at great expense to examine suspects and advise them as to proper treatment. Numerous cases have been located and are no doubt now undergoing treatment. We are told that in the early stages tuberculosis can be permanently cured with proper care, and the milk forms an important part of the diet of those being treated for the disease. The same experts who are here assisting in the campaign will tell you that tuberculosis, which affects cattle, is communicable through milk to man. It is a well established fact that 50 per cent. of the milk cows in the country today are suffering from tuberculosis to a greater or less extent, and that only a tuberculin test will reveal it. This test is only unsatisfactory from the fact that, it will not tell you the extent of the disease or its location. Nothing but a post-mortem will tell us that; not until the victim is in the last stages can any veterinary point out the afflicted animals from an external examination. There is a law on the statutes of Can-

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ada which prohibits the sale of milk from tubercular cows unless pasteurized, and then only under certain conditions; and in the same act upon proper application being made to the veterinary director general at Ottawa every herd of milk cows in a city or town will be tested free of charge, and any milk producer who will not submit his herd to the test can be prohibited from selling the milk from same in the city unless such milk is sold to a milk company who submits it to proper pasteurization. Past compensation is made by the government, for any animals found to have disease providing they are slaughtered. How many herds now supplying milk to this city are tuberculin tested? Not one per cent, if any. Now how many dealers distributing milk in this city pasteurize it? Just one, and

there are about sixty who do not. What will be the result of this impure milk being distributed? What means will be adopted to stop the source of tubercular infection? We know that fresh air, sunlight and proper diet are all beneficial to a tubercular patient, but we also know that, if we put a tubercular patient on a diet, part of which is milk from a tubercular cow, the fresh air and sunlight is of very little benefit. This brings to the writer's mind a case in point. In Rutland, Mass., a beautiful sanatorium was built for tubercular patients. Its location was on a high elevation where the air was the best, and all surroundings suitable beyond question. There was a large farm in connection with the institution upon which all food supplies were raised. It also possessed a large herd of cows which supplied the patients with milk and butter. The condition of the inmates did not improve; in fact several were so unsatisfactory that an investigation was made, with the result that practically all the cows supplying milk to the sanatorium were found to be tubercular. But locking the barn after the horse is stolen is poor business. All animals on the farm were destroyed, all buildings fumigated, new stock was purchased and a pasteurization plant installed, why? because proper pasteurization destroys the bacteria which causes tuberculosis. What is the use of establishing clinics to detect disease if we allow poisonous food stuffs to be sold to the unsuspecting patient. What are health laws made for? Surely not to be handled about for political purposes. Why should the fact that a petition was signed by 5 or 6 thousand women and children against the pasteurization of milk offered for sale in this city be taken seriously when their signatures were obtained through a misrepresentation of facts. The very man whose milk was responsible for thirty-five people being stricken down within a few hours after they drank it, circulated one of these petitions and obtained signatures by asking his customers "if they had not always been satisfied with his milk." I wonder how many signatures he would have got added to his document, had he presented it the following morning. The signing of these petitions brings to mind Christ's saying at the time of his crucifixion: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

I do not attach any blame to those who signed those petitions, for there has never been an educational campaign staged in this city regarding pasteurization and the masses do not know; but I do blame those in authority who do know for not enlightening the people. The health of a community is paramount. Proper pasteurization of milk not only kills the tuberculosis bacteria, but that of typhoid, scarlet fever, diphtheria, septic sore throat and all other contagious disease that can be transmitted through its use.

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### CONDITION APPALLING.

Rev. Dr. Chown Discusses Foreigners in West.

St. Catharines, Ont., April 10.—That conditions among foreigners in the Canadian west are disgraceful was the statement of Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist church

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in Canada, in an address before the St. Catharines and District Ministerial Association.

Marriage, he said, was altogether devoid of sentiment, and merely an economic convenience.

Conditions of living were appalling, the house being generally of only one room, one end of which was occupied by the cattle. Beds they had none, boards being laid along the floor by the side of the walls for sleeping purposes. Sanitary laws were unknown and undesired.

He denounced the present system of segregation, because there was no possibility of linking the people with modern ideals. In his opinion, the only way to save the west was to distribute the immigrants among the white population and abolish the settlement of whole

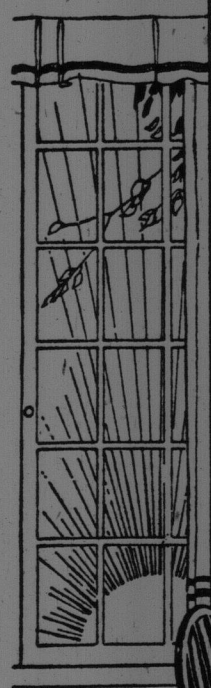
blocks of land with foreigners. "By contact with a high level of living they could be imbued with different ideals to those obtaining in their own country," said Dr. Chown. He said he shuddered to think of the future of the west unless some drastic means were taken to alter the prevailing standard of living.

### STUDENTS' EASTER VACATIONS APRIL 13

Fredericton, April 9.—(Special)—The mock parliament at the University of New Brunswick closed on Saturday night with the usual ceremonies, the sessions having been up to the standard of preceding years. A largely attended formal dance followed prorogation. The Easter vacation for all educational institutions will begin the latter part of the week. On Thursday there will be an exodus of several hundred students from the city. Lectures at the university will be resumed on the following Thursday. The Provincial Normal School will reopen on the following Wednesday.

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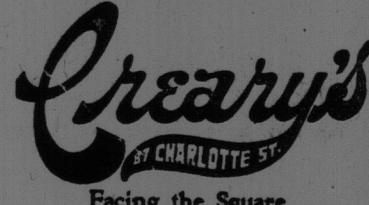
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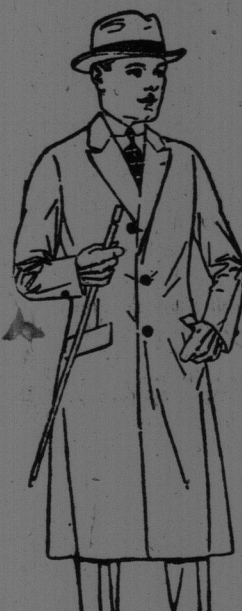
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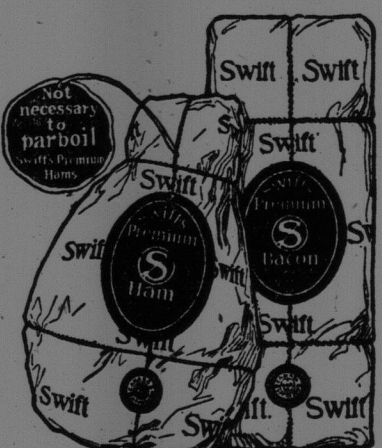
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