

D. J. EVANS, M.D. Dr. Laberge in his very excellent paper has distinguished between two factors in the problem. One is the pure milk-supply question, and the other is the infantile mortality. In this city the two, as they do always, overlap, but the lack of pure milk is not the sole cause of infantile mortality in this city. One of the most important steps is the education of the public, and I feel that too much stress cannot be laid upon this aspect of the question. We must keep iterating and reiterating the necessity of a proper milk-supply, the proper care of the milk in the home, and the proper care of the young infant. The question of pure milk is the one that is particularly before us to-night. The problem is extremely complex in this city. Dr. Dagenais has pointed out the fact that we are drawing our milk-supply from a radius of one hundred miles, and no small quantity comes from the Provinces of Ontario, by boat in summer and by train in winter, and from nearer the city, it being carted over the roads. There are said to be in the city of Montreal 492 milkmen. The milk is supplied in cans of the most antiquated and unsuitable pattern in a large proportion of cases. Only two days ago I had occasion to see one of the five gallon cans of a large dealer in the city, and it was in a most filthy condition. This thing in winter when the temperature is low is bad enough, but in summer with a high temperature no effort is made to improve matters. Reform will affect the producers, the transportation facilities and the consumers. We find that the majority of the farmers are ignorant or careless. A few are doing the best they know how, though the larger mass of them practically have no idea how to produce a high class milk. Railroad facilities are very inadequate. The milkmen complain that their cans lie sometimes in the station for over two hours before they can get them into their carts. Consumers are ignorant of the necessity of refrigerators and cleanliness in keeping milk in their houses. Means must be obtained to control all these sources of contamination before infantile mortality will be reduced. The problem before the Committee is a very extensive one, and will require careful study before any suggestions of a practical nature can be expected. I feel that it would be a privilege to serve on that committee.

J. E. Laberge, M.D. I have few words to add to what has already been said. I am pleased to have brought up this question before you, and the discussion shows the interest you will give to the subject, and it already seems assured that our milk supply will be improved. As to the previous attempt of Professor Adami and the late Dr. Wyatt Johnston to improve this matter, it has by no means been a failure. From