

be made that a transfer of the leasehold interest in these long leases should be done as readily as in the case of land and the responsibility of the tenant should cease when the transfer has taken place, and rent has been paid by the incoming tenant. In case of death, the right to abandon the lease or better still, to transfer it, and end liability upon it should be provided for.

One of the largest, and at the same time most pressing subjects still remains to be mentioned and that is the whole field of benevolent social work, whether taken in hand by the Provincial or Municipal authorities or whether it is left to voluntary workers. It includes reformatories, refuges, industrial farms, hospitals for the insane, housing accommodation, provision for the feeble-minded and epileptic, the care of neglected children, the protection of females, Juvenile Courts, maternity boarding houses and countless other ramifications which are touched or affected by legislation and are the subject of much concern and consideration in these days. Some of these appeal to one class of mind and some to another. For instance the care of neglected children and the operation of Juvenile Courts form a subject unusually attractive to a great many. We know something generally about present conditions, and how poorly equipped the City of Toronto is in both directions but so far no body of men or society, and no profession has come forward and taken hold of the subject with a view to its study and the improvement of those conditions. Our city seems to be singularly lacking in the pride which other cities display in their institutions, if I may except the Canadian National Exhibition. We certainly are not leaders in the way of social reform. What we want at the present moment is a body of interested, competent and observing men and women who will take up the whole subject to which I have just referred and study it so as to discover the weak points either in its executive action or from the standpoint of existing law and make an effort to construct such a framework of law and an administrative mechanism based solidly upon that law, as to make it possible that the work regarding children in Toronto will be something of which every citizen might well be proud.

Another direction in which similar effort is badly needed is in regard to the care of feeble-minded. What legislation at present