

is charged that nearly fifty per cent. of the patients treated in the consumption sanatoria are importations, and that they are a very undesirable class of immigrants. Grant that; but even so, it scarcely follows that the inspection of immigrants is thereby lax. The point we wish to make, however, here is that governments are vastly concerned in making a good showing. Now, if it were a question of admitting diseased cattle, what a hurrying and a scurrying there would be on the part of every government official! Keep the cattle free and untainted. Let the human look out for himself.

The Dominion Parliament is going to wrestle with a patent drug law during the present session. It is impossible, of course, to forecast the outcome. In this connection, however, we may remind our readers that on the 1st of January, 1907, the Federal Food and Drugs Act went into force in the United States. This law's prime feature is that manufacturers are held responsible for the truth of statements on all labels. Amongst the drugs named, which have to have their exact proportions on labels, are alcohol, morphine, opium, cocaine, heroin, alpha or beta cocaine, chloroform, canabis indica, chloral hydrate and acetanilide, or any preparation or derivative thereof. This law will, no doubt, result in the correction of many abuses which formerly held sway, and takes a good reef in the sail of nostrum manufacturers.

In the proposed re-organization of the Canadian Medical Association the essential principle is the establishment of a national medical society, which shall bring into its fold as affiliated societies all the present existing medical societies in Canada, and in every sense to provide for its conduct and management by representatives of these, and from the national body itself. Once that is accomplished, the governing body, or Executive Council, will be truly representative of the united medical profession of Canada. The establishment of an official medical journal is a subsidiary question, even though our esteemed contemporaries, the *Montreal Medical Journal* and the *Canada Lancet*, consider the journal question the paramount one. When the executive council names a Finance Committee, in whose hands it is proposed to rest the management of a journal, it will most likely name a committee that will conduct the establishment of a journal to a successful issue. The prime thing to do is to start right in the right place.