

Meetings of Medical Societies.

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The ninth Annual Meeting of the Association was held May 19th and 20th at Hamilton. Two sessions were devoted to general business, consideration of reports and election of officers.

On the first afternoon the Association was addressed by Dr. Wm. Charles White, of Pittsburg, Pa., on the subject of "Municipal Supremacy in Tuberculosis." It was an address replete with interesting points, and the manner in which the fight is being waged against the disease in Pittsburg elicited hearty applause.

It was well for every city to find out the amount of tuberculosis within its boundaries and then commence a systematic attack on it, not letting up until the foe was conquered. The city should look at the question in a purely businesslike manner, and as a business proposition. Until the city took up the struggle in that way, there was a small chance, indeed, of the fight being successful. In the disease there were many things to be considered besides the victims being made well—there was the protection of others, the protection of the children of all the homes. Tuberculosis, it had been ascertained, was to be found in every person to some extent. The State of Illinois was interested in the matter, and it had ascertained that it was paying \$1,200,000 per year in educating children who died of tuberculosis before they reached the age of 18 years. That was a startling figure, but there was a way to reduce the cost to a yearly minimum. People sat down selfishly in their arm chairs and paid no attention to the disease, but just as soon as a member of their family became affected they would be the first to demand why such things were allowed to exist. The reason the question had not been taken up systematically by municipalities was that it was nobody's business. The responsibility was with three groups—the state, the municipality and charitably inclined people. Those three should get together. Another thing that should be advocated was playgrounds for the children.

The speaker thought that a municipality should have a central officer—the entire business of fighting the disease centralized in one office. It was the business of a city to carry it on