

Correspondence.

THE IMPORTANT OTHER SIDE OF THAT CONSUMPTION SANATORIUM QUESTION.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN PRACTITIONER AND REVIEW :

SIR,—The editorial on ("Dr. Playter's") Highfields "Sanatorium" in your August issue does, rather through omission, a great injustice to the institution, probably from not knowing the facts.

You state that I selected "a residential portion of Moore Park, and antagonized a large portion of the community." Now there is no visible line of demarkation to this "Park," and in all the forty or fifty acres of unfenced, waste commons, in which the Sanatorium is situated, there are only *four other residents*, nearest one being, as sworn to in court, 100½ feet away, and the next, over 300 feet.

You make me bellicose; "fighting public opinion and the municipal authorities of York township and the city." My dear sir, the opposing belligerents, all told, are only three of these four "Park" residents, who fear a depreciation in the value of their property, and two or three of their friends—no more. The city, being in no way interested in the question, has had nothing whatever to do with it. Its Board of Control had previously deferred, though not refused, to grant the usual per diem allowance applied for.

Most important of all, you state: "After a careful inspection it was decided that Dr. Playter's house was not suited for the purpose." "Decided" by whom, pray? "A careful inspection"!!! in a rush over the premises of less than five minutes duration by City Health Officer Sheard, who, of course, reported "adversely," as you state; and after which the end is not yet. Why adversely, is well known. Now you did not state, as you probably did not know, that the twelve medical gentlemen named below visited the institution at various times and made, each, a thorough professional inspection of the premises, in detail, of which Dr. Sheard knew nothing, simply because he did not inspect. These twelve doctors declare, and the declaration was produced and read in court, that the sanatorium "is a large three storied brick and stone residence, with a nine-windowed tower, giving three well-lighted alcoves to three large rooms. A large three-windowed bay extending to the