

efficiency in teachers and pupils is lost through improper ventilation.

Furthermore, no attempt has been made to estimate what these 1,102 lives saved would have meant in sorrow, in anguish, in 1,102 homes in Toronto. This cannot be estimated. Only those who have passed through it can have any conception of what it means.

Nor does this take into consideration the saving effected by well-organized divisions of industrial hygiene as well as other activities along the lines of preventive medicine.

INVESTMENT IN A BABY

How many parents have stopped to estimate how much money they have invested in every one of their babies by the time it is a year old and by the time it enters school? Let us roughly estimate how much the average ratepayer has invested in his baby. In the first place, his doctor's bill will be at least \$10.00 and ranging from that to \$100.00. In the interests of economy, he will, no doubt, employ a nurse for about two weeks, for, say, \$10.00 a week and board, which would mean, conservatively estimated, \$25.00. The mother's time and attention for at least three months before and nine months after birth—all of this time she could have been earning at least \$1.25 a day, which, no doubt, she would, at the most conservative estimate, have been earning if she had not been raising children. This would mean approximately \$375.00, so that at the end of the first year he has an investment of at least \$400.00 and, in the event of any reasonable prolonged sickness and death, probably another \$100.00 expense would be added—to say nothing of the sorrow and anguish, which could not be estimated in dollars and cents. And, by the time the child is ready to leave the public school, he has invested in it over \$2,000.00 and by the time he is twenty-one, there will be an investment of \$5,000.00 and, if he takes a university course, an investment of from \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

This only represents the monetary investment of the parents alone. To this must be added the national value, which is not inconsiderable. We must recognize that these babies born in Canada are, for the most part, of the man timber that our men are made of who are distinguishing themselves for deeds of bravery and for endurance in France and Flanders and, in fact, all along the line, any one of which is probably a more valuable national asset than two or three of the immigrants who will be coming within our gates.