

victimize the public by the exploitation of various alcoholic beverages known as "Tan'ac", etc., etc., and trust that presently we shall see the termination of this newest method of trading upon our aches and ills.

The House Committee has made new arrangements regarding the caretaking, and measures to prevent a recurrence of the discomfort occasioned last winter through inadequate heating.

Shortly after the inception of our Academy, steps were taken to ensure for our citizens a supply of healthy milk, and a Milk Commission was appointed by this body. The result upon the milk was very beneficial, but the process has been costly to the public pocket. Is it not time that we as an Academy urged a further step forward, the municipalization of the entire milk trade of the city, including the control and ownership of the dairy farms, the purification and preservation of the milk, and its distribution to the citizens? This would greatly cheapen an essential article of food, by the cutting out of competitive advertising, and the present prodigal waste of time and labour in distribution.

As an Academy, our duty with regard to venereal diseases is not yet discharged.

The striking increase in the prevalence of venereal diseases in Canada is a question that must interest the whole medical profession. There are those who insist that the increase does not exist, but stubborn facts make apparent the falseness of their claim. The reluctance of legislative bodies to deal with this question is to be greatly regretted and there can be no reason why this province should not include these diseases in the Contagious Act. A very slight alteration of this Act would enable the police and other authorities to place the dangerous elements in society under control. The women of the street, who at present are at liberty to come and go as they please and who carry on their wretched traffic unhindered, could thus be taken care of and treated in the early stages of disease. This would enable the authorities to weed out the defectives among these classes and as a great proportion of the women actually engaged in the illicit traffic are definitely feeble-minded, they might be segregated, if the citizens would wake up to their responsibility.

It is, in my opinion, the duty of every physician to educate the people of the community to a knowledge of the present peril and to suggest this most sane way of dealing with it.

The well-known cover of Bairnsfather's "Fragments from France" bears the cartoon of two Tommies sitting in their dug-out