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Dr. Maurice M. Seymour, Commissioner of Public Health in Saskatchewan, presided at the meetings of this association, which held its annual meeting in Toronto during the first week of September. In his address he urged universal military service in Canada, not in imitation of Prussian militarism, but for the training and health that such a service yields; and that it makes all ready for an emergency should it arise. He also advocated that more care should be given to prospective mothers, and outlined the new law in Saskatchewan, which gives every mother \$25, and pays a doctor's fee of \$15 for attendance.

The question of the best methods of securing a pure milk supply was discussed by Dr. Charles E. North, of New York.

The care of the feeble-minded came in for much consideration. Dr. J. D. Page, Medical Officer of the Board of Quebec, attributed the excessive growth of the number of feeble-minded in Canada to the lax methods of enforcing the immigration law in regard to the inspection of immigrants. He declared that the men employed for the work of inspection of immigrants were inefficient and in most cases secured their positions by political preference. He thought the Government ought to employ a permanent staff of competent inspectors who could effectually sift the diseased and feeble-minded. The money for this purpose was at present amply provided by the head tax, which was never meant as a source of revenue. Dr. Page said that there was a balance of \$1,080,000 from the head-tax turned into the National Treasury.

Drs. C. M. Hincks and A. C. J. Withrow gave an exhibition of the methods of testing such children, outlining the questions.

Dr. C. K. Clarke said that these feeble-minded youths were often very precocious when children and seemed to undergo rapid deterioration.

Dr. Helen MacMurchy, speaking of the care of the feeble-minded,