

professorship across the line, the man behind the gun at Wimbledon, the man at the oars on the Thames, or the men in the battlefields of South Africa. the high mental calibre and physical endurance of the Canadian always places him in the front ranks.

Why then should we permit this embryotic material for such productions to die or degenerate by the thousands annually for want of proper care? It costs our Government at Ottawa \$745,000, nearly three-quarters of a million, last year for immigration purposes alone. Thousands are being imported annually, of Russians, Finns, Italians, Hungarians, Belgians, Scandinavians, etc. The lives and environments of a large number of these has, no doubt, been such as is well calculated to breed degenerates. Who would think of comparing for a moment in the interests of our country, morally or commercially, a thousand of these foreigners with a thousand of Canadian birth? No medical inspection can recognize the seeds of degeneracy which may be well rooted in this foreign element. One of the greatest curses of our neighbors to the south of us is due to the enormous foreign element, which practically hold the balance of power. And yet practically no effort is being made, except in Ontario: no money expended to insure the best mental, moral and physical development of our boys and girls, and why is it so? Simply because, from the view-point of the average politician, merchant, financier or professional man, in the parlance of the street, "there is no money in it." But there is money in it. What other national question could compare in importance, with the establishing of a well-organized plan by which the highest development of the youth of that nation can be accomplished? Every nation must recognize the fact that what it will be twenty-five or fifty years hence depends largely on the boys and girls of to-day: therefore, a good physical development, with a high mentality, is the most valuable asset that any nation can have. But it is evident that the parents and the government require educating along this line, and it is for obvious reasons the medical profession that must educate them. The family physician, who has piloted his various families through many physical storms, notwithstanding that he has had shipwrecks and lost lives, yet he has the confidence of these families, and is their counsellor and judge in all that pertains to the physical and mental at least. If he advises them as regards the best means of developing their children mentally and physically, they will, in the vast majority of