

And lastly, as the Federal Government has of necessity large powers in legislating with respect to railway companies, whose operations are not provincial but are continental, so for the sake of those of us who are free from this scourge, we have a right to ask the Government to make arrangements with the different railway companies for our protection, so that those who are obviously suffering from the disease and are discharging as they cough, as Dr. Nuttall has shown, actual billions of tubercle bacilli in the twenty-four hours, and thus are constantly in danger of infecting the railway coaches,—we have the right to ask that the Government makes arrangements with the railway companies to segregate these individuals from the rest of the travelling public, and as it is well that these patients be not kept in the midst of the general population, and that they be encouraged to go to sanatoria and hospitals that there be provided special facilities for their transportation.

I only trust that in briefly defining these points in which we can ask the Government to help us, I have not stolen the thunder of those who are to follow.

Do not think that this is the sum total of all that we can logically ask the Government to do. For my own part, for example, I am very strongly of opinion that the Government should make an experiment in a well defined area to demonstrate that tuberculosis can be wholly eradicated from our herds. I long to see the Government joining hands with Prince Edward Island, which is certainly a well defined and well cut off area, in aiding the farmers there so to weed out infected cattle from their herds, that there be not a single case of the disease in the whole island. This would be a magnificent object lesson and one well worth the small sum it would cost to the central Government. However, we must not now bring forward too many schemes. We can, I believe, reasonably ask the Government to take steps along the paths already indicated and I would therefore propose the following resolution:—

Resolution No. III.

Whereas the Constitution of the Dominion of Canada especially delegates to the Federal Government general quarantine in matters of public health, both of men and animals, as well as matters of statistics; and in view of the fact that in tuberculosis we are dealing with a disease which not only lessens national prosperity through the loss of lives, but also by enormous expenditure through sickness and loss of labor.

Resolved, that it is the view of this Conference that in a disease whose influence extends from questions of the inspection of immigrants to that of imported cattle, and affects the output of our farms and of our factories, the Federal Government may greatly assist in the fight against tuberculosis by:—