

was called. It is undoubted that its proceedings will stir public opinion to a sense of the necessity for conserving forests in every possible way.

### **The Fight Against Tuberculosis.**

The annual report of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, which has recently been distributed, records a notable advance in the education of public opinion as to the possibilities of preventing a disease which in the past has claimed innumerable victims through ignorance of its nature. The Association represents organized effort against the spread of tuberculosis. It directs measures in this direction on the part of societies or organizations affiliated with it in different parts of the country. By the distribution of pamphlets setting forth the possibilities of prevention and the most recently acquired scientific knowledge on the subject it performs a task of tremendous import to Canadian life.

The last report emphasizes in every page of statistics and general literature the possibility of preventing the spread of tuberculosis by means of agencies within the reach of people of even moderate competency. It indicates moreover that when patients suffering from tuberculosis are unable to provide for their own care and treatment the Canadian Association, directly or indirectly, will do anything in its power in the direction of assistance. But the main task of those who are fighting tuberculosis is one of public education, the upsetting of fallacious but deeply-rooted beliefs, the gaining of public sympathy in the effort to check a widespread scourge. The gospel of sunlight and fresh air through the agency of the Association has been spread into every nook and cranny of the country. Intelligent and public spirited medical men have been enlisted in the cause and locally direct attention to the treatment of patients suffering from tuberculosis. The means by which the disease is spread from one individual to another, the measures for preventing this result, supervision of the management of patients have been discussed and action taken where it was possible to do so. Nurses working under local organizations are sent to the sick room, to the home of the poor where tuberculosis exists. In many cases efforts to induce local provision for the care of patients have been successful. This means a lessening of the spread of the infection. Attention has been directed also to the conditions of home life and general health that tend to favor the factors causing tuberculosis. Dark, unventilated rooms have been thus condemned: and places in which patients under careless management have lived. And thus the fight against tuberculosis proceeds. Those who locally and in connection with local organizations who are carrying it on are public benefactors in the highest sense of the term and should receive the co-operation of every person who cares anything about ending a great source of personal suffering and public loss.

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"How you do stutter! Were you ever at a stammering school?"  
"N-no, I-I-I d-do this-s-s n-naturally."