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EDITORIAL.

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

A glance through the tenth annual report of this association at once shows that great work is being done in the way of the prevention of tuberculosis. The past year is reported as one of the best in the history of the association. During the year many lectures were given in various parts of the Dominion and a large amount of literature distributed. The Dominion Government has doubled its grant. The thanks are tendered to the railways for free transportation and to the public press for much assistance.

Dr. J. George Adami, of Montreal, is the president and Dr. G. D. Porter, of Toronto, the Secretary. In the hands of the able officers, aided by an influential body of co-workers, the association is bound to do much good and to mould public opinion along sound lines.

The several provinces were well represented by delegates. The transactions of the meeting held in Montreal are full of useful information. The reports from the different city centres where there are local associations are of a most encouraging character, and bespeak very much activity and a thoroughly awakened state of public feeling. This is a healthy condition, as it is not until the attention is fixed upon a matter of this kind that any marked progress need be expected.

There are about \$12,000 lost yearly in Canada from tuberculosis. The Committee of One Hundred in the United States, in dealing with the vital statistics of the country, came to the conclusion that every life is worth \$1,735, taking one age with another. This would give the loss by death from this disease as equal to \$20,820,000 a year. There are probably 50,000 persons ill with the disease all the time. In loss of time and treatment there would be another very heavy loss.

There are now scattered throughout Canada many institutions for the treatment of consumption. It is a pleasing feature of the report to notice that several donations of considerable magnitude are recorded. All this is matter for much congratulation.