PUBLIC HEALTH IS PURCHASABLE. WITHIN NATURAL LIMITATIONS ANY COMMUNITY CAN DETERMINE ITS OWN DEATH RATE HERMANN M. BIGGS, M. D. CURTIS E. LAKEMAN COMMISSIONER SECRETARY MATTHIAS NICOLL, JR., M. D. FENIMORE D. BEAGLE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER EXECUTIVE CLERK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 25 WEST 45TH STREET NEW YORK CITY November 24th, 1922. Professor A. W. Currie. Principal's Office. McGill University.

My dear Professor Currie:

Montreal, Canada.

Your kind invitation to deliver a lecture in the graduate course in industrial medicine at McGill University on Industrial Medicine has just been received. I should be very glad indeed to accept it were it not for two very important reasons - first: I do not feel that I am particularly well qualified to give such a lecture as I have given no special attention to industrial medicine; and second, I have so many demands on my time now that it is really impossible for me to undertake anything else.

I appreciate very much the honor and courtesy of your invitation, and regret that I cannot accept it.

very sincerely yours,

Commissioner