

Seventy patients have been visited during the few months the work has been in progress in Toronto; two have been found not tubercular; nineteen have been sent to the hospitals; forty-nine have been treated in their homes. Those sent to the hospitals were the most needy, living in the crowded part of the city, where unsanitary conditions are most likely to exist. In eight of these families more than one was treated; in two families there were three patients in each. In eight of these homes, it was found former tenants were suffering from tuberculosis. In one house, four patients had died inside of one year, three pronounced tuberculosis and one "a wasting disease". This house had not been fumigated nor re-papered after any death until a patient was recently sent to Weston Hospital, when it was done by the Board of Health, who now make it compulsory, the same as in other infectious diseases.

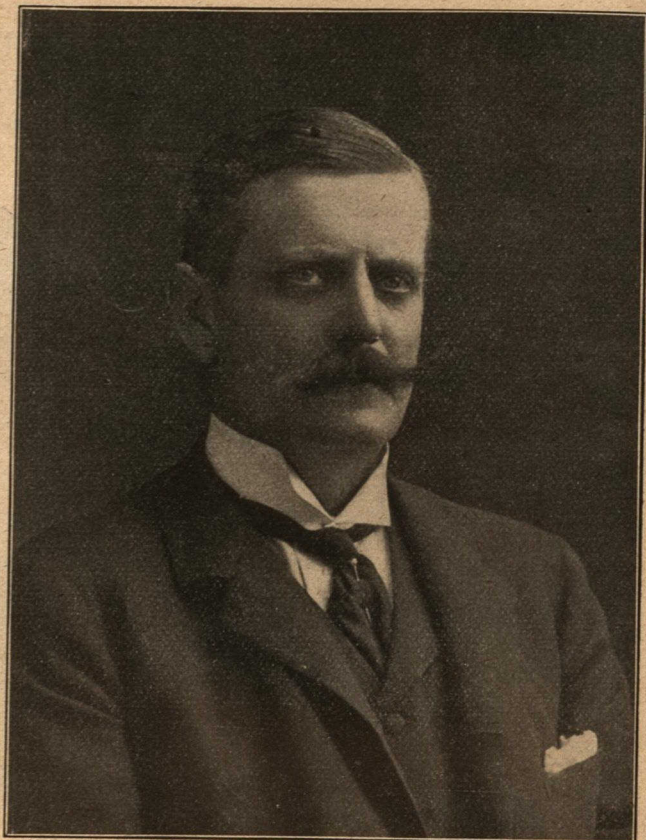
THE HOME

The home is where the problem lies, and the nurse finds the more intelligent the patient the more easy to instruct them in the carrying out the precautionary measures. No doubt the city that has advanced ideas regarding well constructed houses for the poor, clean streets and lanes, and insists upon these being kept clean, are educating the tenants of these homes to combat this dread disease.

Toronto is free from the crowded tenement; the dark sleeping apartments; the foul smelling, dark, narrow, halls and basements, of some of the large cities, but sad to say we have existing conditions that are unheard of in these other large cities, and a shame to our fair city.

We have numerous philanthropic men and Christian Societies working on many different lines for the uplifting of our poor. Would that some one could start interest in building houses convenient for them to live in, with suitable rents according with their income.

In one home a patient was found in the second rear. This means a rear behind a rear. These were formerly old houses in front, and moved to rear when better buildings were demanded. These all had out-houses attached, and in the most crowded



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part of the city. Another patient was found in the rear where the house consists of two small rooms, floor lower than the ground, roof caved in and patched with tar paper and boards. It was surrounded by stables, one being within at least ten feet from the door. There are three such dwellings there all occupied. The result of the nurse's visits to this locality was evident, by the lanes and stables being cleaned, and the houses papered and white-washed, lest she should report to the Board of Health.

This article was recently clipped from one of the daily papers: "Out of work, with wife in the hospital, and ordered to vacate his apartments, a laborer ends his life. Such tragedies are scarcely noticed in the hurry of what we regard as civilized life, but they show the thoughtful that our civilization has some unsolved problems that might claim a little more attention."