

A MISLEADING STATEMENT CORRECTED.

I take opportunity here to answer a question that has come through the newspapers—in error no doubt—with regard to milk supplies. I am sure the House will pardon me if I take a moment or two to do what may be regarded as unnecessary. I have heard it again and again stated that we in the public institutions are not paying sufficient regard to avoiding the feeding of tubercular milk to the patients in those institutions. Now, in order that I may be correct in this, I have carefully read just what we have done, and this is the situation:

PRECAUTIONS AS TO MILK SUPPLY.

We have had every animal producing milk subjected to the tuberculin test by a competent veterinary surgeon. We have segregated all the animals showing tubercular taint; the valuable animals that it was thought wise to preserve we have segregated into stables entirely separated from the healthy herds; where the infected herds are kept a most complete system of pasteurization has been installed. Absolutely every tubercular germ is destroyed. All of the milk at the other institutions comes from cows that have been certified to be free from tubercular infection. The milk is milked in the most cleanly fashion and at once placed in cold storage, where it is held for use. The stables have been thoroughly disinfected. We have absolute knowledge of what we are doing in so far as scientific management makes this possible. We have changed the milk supply from a possible source of contamination, a means by which many diseases may have been introduced, to what is probably the most sanitary milk fed to any 10,000 people on the continent. I want to say that there is not a cow comes into the herd until that cow has been subjected to the tuberculin test, and this test is repeated year after year; that not a cow that reacts goes into the regular herd, but is segregated and the milk from that segregated herd is thoroughly pasteurized.

PRISON REFORM.

Then perhaps I may be excused if I refer to what we are doing in the way of prison reform in this Province. The hon.