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THE TUBERCULOUS IMMIGRANT.*

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The Executive of the Association, in requesting me to discuss briefly the question of Tuberculosis in Immigrants coming to Canada, had not, I feel sure, any idea that a defence of the work done by the Medical Officers of the Immigration Department was necessary, but rather felt that I, as the Chief Medical Officer of that service, was naturally in a position to present any facts relating to this very important matter clearly before this Association, and through it before the people of Canada generally.

I have therefore to thank the Association for the honor conferred upon me, and shall endeavor to indicate the situation as it exists by referring to the immigrants during 1907, which had notably the largest immigration (196,143 being examined at sea-ports) to Canada ever arriving in any single year, and who came in any manner before the attention of public bodies, whether Federal, Provincial or Municipal, as being tuberculized. In

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