

"be, local. A sign, "We admit Vancouver patients only," would be pulled down immediately it was put up.

Therefore, one way of remedy is plain and is based upon sound economic grounds, to which I venture to say that no answer can be given.

Article VI

Another means affording a permanent remedy would lie in the formation of a county, and the transfer to the county of education, health and police, with taxation powers over personal property, primarily, supplemented by an occupancy tax.

British Columbia lends itself, physically, to a county system. In this peninsula there is one place, not too far up, where Burrard Inlet and the Fraser River are but four miles apart. Let everything west of that be a county. Victoria, Oak Bay and Saanich and Esquimalt are practically one, physically. You can hardly tell where one begins and the other ends. So far as education is concerned, Duncan and North Cowichan have joined already. Armstrong and Spallamacheen are joined. Chilliwack city and district are joined. They conduct schools and arrange taxation between them.

The sewers of the lower mainland are under joint control and legislation now. The water system might also well be.

So far as the police are concerned, why should Vancouver land owners, whose land no person can steal, protect, at a cost of thousands of dollars annually, the citizens of their own and all the mainland municipalities, and their non-taxed goods, by stationing a force of detectives on the wharves to head off and turn back crooks and criminals? This is another sample of the province turning over its own duties to the municipality, just to escape paying the price out of the treasury of the province.

Now, in the working of this county system, there are plenty of examples. There is the London county council system, which has given splendid results. The county system of Ontario is familiar to all of us who were educated there. The county and city of San Francisco is familiar to many, and so is that of the county and city of Los Angeles. While, for a more elaborate system, the one in vogue in and around Cleveland and the relations between Chicago and Cook county, make for interesting comparisons.

I have not thought of going into details. Details