

that covers this question. It may, however, not find its way through the Senate this session.

We need very much a similar act in this country. The Canadian act dealing with proprietary medicines is quite worthless as a means of protecting the public. Our newspapers have a great deal to say when the "individual cup," "the intake pipe," "the slums of our large cities," "infant mortality," "the destruction of flies," or such subjects, are up before the public eye; but, then, these questions are not advertised. No one pays large advertising bills in behalf of the good qualities and many uses of the common house fly, so the fly must submit to all that is said against it.

Not so in the case of a fake cure for consumption. A few years ago the Legislature of Nova Scotia had a bill before it with the object of curtailing the patent medicine man, but the newspapers came out with the war cry, "Kill this bill!" and the bill was killed. We will await with interest the fate of the proposed further legislation in the States.

AN APPARENT SURRENDER.

We have advocated a sanatorium for consumptives, under the control of the city. It looked at one time as if Dr. Hastings might succeed in this direction. At a recent conference held at the City Hall it appears that the idea of a civic institution was practically abandoned.

We are firmly convinced that the true policy for Toronto to follow is to own its sanatorium for consumptives. The institution should be located of easy access by the people and the medical men of the city. In the end the cost would not be greater than by subsidising some other institution. Many of the patients could pay all, or a part, of the cost of their maintenance.

Before this matter is finally disposed of we hope the medical men of the city will ask to be heard. Toronto is only beginning to grow. The time is not far distant when there will be one million people finding homes and occupations in it. No matter what is done now, the time will come when this great city must own and control its municipal sanatorium for the cure of consumptive patients.

This being the inevitable, we think the beginning should be made now. In this we have not a word but praise for the National Sanitarium Association. There is ample work for the Weston institution to look after those that come to it from many parts other than Toronto. Our only desire is to see Toronto in possession of its own sanatorium for tubercular patients. This we are satisfied, in the end, will prove the