

tributed most of the disease found, Dr. Dube unhesitatingly replied: "*To the cigarette habit.*" "I never could understand," he continued, "why tobacco companies did such enormous business. I do now, however. Our young men are perverted, not so much by the excessive use of liquor as by cigarettes. I have examined scores of young men who confessed to me that they smoked from two to five packages of cigarettes every day. In a very few cases, comparatively, I found disease due to the excess of liquor, but the ravages of the cigarette habit are beyond expression."

"*The Little White Slaver,*" as Mr. Ford, of automobile fame, calls it, must be held responsible for keeping out of khaki during the World's greatest war, thousands of young men in Quebec. According to one Montreal recruiting officer, twenty per cent. of those who were examined at one local recruiting station were rejected because of their overfondness for the cigarette.

Mr. Owen Dawson, late Secretary of the Juvenile Delinquent Court of Montreal, in his report for the year 1916, says: "Over eighty per cent. of the boys before the Court during the year were cigarette smokers." Judge Choquet, of the same Court, says that we cannot deal too severely with the evil. He stated not long ago that fully ninety-five per cent. of the cases of theft among the boys brought before him, were due to a desire either to go to picture shows or to obtain cigarettes.

So seized were the members of our Canadian Parliament with the harmful character of cig-