

The White Plague and the Scholar

Educational Department May Inaugurate Campaign Against Tuberculosis

It is stated that the Provincial Government will ask Mr. A. M. U. Colquhoun, M.A., LL.D., deputy minister of education, to represent Ontario at the International Congress on School Hygiene, to be held at the University of London, London, England, next month.

It is believed that the proceedings at this congress will have an important bearing on the framing of certain features of the new educational policy for the Ontario public schools.

Next year it is understood to be the intention of the education department to apply itself to the general improvement of hygienic conditions in the public and separate schools. This step was foreshadowed by the minister himself in an interview some weeks ago, when he indicated that a special campaign was in preparation against the inroads of the great white plague. Further, it is the intention to include in the series of new text books now in preparation, special articles dealing with the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis and other contagious diseases.

It is believed that Mr. Colquhoun may lay before the International Congress some of

the plans that the Ontario department has in view, and solicit consideration and advice upon them.

Among the matters which will likely be considered in relation to Ontario's schools are: Methods for the first and subsequent medical examinations of school children; school work in its relation to the duration of lessons, the sequence of subjects and the season of the year; the school in its relation to tuberculosis; the lighting and ventilating of class rooms.

"The most important factor in the educational work of our Province is the health of its people," said Hon. Dr. Pyne, "and in as far as it is in our power we purpose to give it every possible attention in our schools."

It was the intention of the Minister of Education, as a medical man, to have attended this International Conference himself, but he has found that it will be impossible for him to leave Canada this year. As a result, Mr. Colquhoun, who is closely in touch with the Government plans in this connection, and who has given the subject extensive consideration, will be asked to represent Ontario.

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