

"The work of the department is carried on in conjunction with the work of the family physician, dentist, the chest clinics at the hospitals and dispensaries, the various missions, the social service organizations, and the Board of Health. From these sources reports are received and acknowledged. The work is being developed and expanded in harmony with the existing organizations in order to reach the largest number of children possible, and as soon as there is reasonable ground for investigation to bring the timely aid which will ultimately be a great factor in lessening the prevalence of tuberculosis among school children—conservatively estimated at 25 per cent.—and also as a direct consequence among adults.

Information may be obtained at any time by the members of the staff from these records.

"When the 'Agency Interested' is a physician the following form letter is sent to him and no further steps are taken in the case until a reply is received:

Toronto,

Dr.

Dear Doctor,—I have received a report that you are interested in the family, Street. The report states that the children attending school have been exposed to an infection with tubercle bacilli. We are desirous of gaining some definite knowledge regarding this infection, the control of which is one of the aims of medical inspection of public schools. We ask for your co-operation in one of three ways:

1st.—That you send a certificate giving your examination findings, and state whether the case shows sufficient signs and symptoms to make a clinical diagnosis of

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2nd.—Or that you will express your willingness to have the children examined at school by the school special examiner, Dr. F. S. Minns, who will send you a report of his examination.

3rd.—Or that you will express your willingness that arrangements be made by the school nurse for an examination at a chest clinic at one of the hospitals.

Trusting to hear from you soon in regard to this matter, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

ALEX. MACKAY,

Chief Medical Officer.

This special work has been carried on for a year and a half. During this time a large number of letters have been written to the doctors. The response in almost every case has been prompt and in all cases a ready will has been shown to assist in the work in every way. Every