

"One cannot fail to wonder that, where tens of millions have been given to bolster up the weak and alleviate the suffering of the sick, no important means have been provided to enable us to learn how the stream of weak and susceptible protoplasm may be checked. Vastly more effective than ten million dollars to 'charity' would be ten millions to eugenics. He who, by such a gift, should redeem mankind from vice, imbecility and suffering would be the world's wisest philanthropist." (Davenport, *loc. cit.*, upon whom I have freely drawn in this paper in regard to eugenics.)

We hear a good deal about race suicide and the need of encouraging larger families. But our real need is *quality* not *quantity* of citizens. Life is saved and prolonged by modern medicine, hence a growing need to find a substitute for the "struggle for existence" and consequent elimination of the unfit. The world will sometime be filled with people, *then* we *must* have eugenics. Meanwhile, however, "art is long and time is fleeting" and a beginning should be made. It is a curious reflection on the disregard we have for human betterment that eugenics has as yet, I believe, been taken up for serious study only by the American Breeders' Association and only as having regard to the improvement of domestic animals. Man is not yet popularly accepted as an animal amenable to the same natural laws that are followed for the improvement of the so-called "lower animals."

To summarize: Good health is the real basis of individual happiness and of national prosperity. Good environment is an essential to good health. In Alberta rapid development of that part of environment formed by houses and their aggregations is taking place and gives a unique chance to realize almost the ideal if wisely and intelligently guided. A good health propaganda should be organized in this province, specifically for tuberculosis, but so thoroughgoing as to embrace all disease. This includes continual education of the public by all effective means. Eugenics is the greatest requisite for the ultimate eradication of the physical ills—and to a very great extent also of *all* ills, mental and moral—of the human race.