

of gaining a knowledge of the resources of the Dominion—for the benefit of the country and of its people in general.

Grasping these general ideas, we gain a knowledge of what we are justified in asking the central Government to undertake in support of our endeavors to stamp out tuberculosis. We are justified in asking it—nay, we must ask it,—to introduce such measures of a broad nature applicable to the whole country as shall tend generally to reduce the incidence of the disease, measures which if left to the initiative of the different provinces to introduce would be stultified and rendered of no avail should one or more province neglect to enter them upon their statute books.

And this afternoon we are, I hope, to ask the Federal Government to introduce broad measures which shall be of benefit to the country at large, which cannot well be left in the hands of the individual provinces. Thus, for example, the Government has already established by-laws tending to prevent the entrance of tuberculous cattle into the country, and we would ask the Government to give even greater powers to its officers to inspect our borders. What is the use of our attempting local or Federal legislation against tuberculosis in cattle, if it is still possible for diseased animals to be continually dribbling into Canada and becoming mixed with and infecting our herds from one end of the country to the other. I hope that Dr. McEachran the head of the Dominion Veterinary Service, will address you upon this matter.

Let me repeat, the Government already possesses and uses this power of inspecting and condemning imported animals suffering from tuberculosis, and if this be so, *a fortiori*, we can call upon the Government to prevent the entrance into the country of human beings, of new settlers showing signs of the disease. While we desire to see Canada growing, and while we seek a larger population, what we want here is an infusion of strong healthy blood. We want no weaklings to be an incubus and worse. We must discourage the admission of weaklings and of those who surely will spread pestilence among us.

I have already stated that the Government has the right to ordain a census and a registration of all the inhabitants of the country. Those same rights surely permit the Government to supervise and to a certain extent control, the health statistics of Canada at large. The health statistics of the different provinces must, I need not say, be left in the hands of the Registrars-General of those provinces, but it is within the power of the central Government to demand periodical returns with regard to the health of the provinces, and so of the country at large, and to exact that these returns be as nearly as possible accurate. For us to know how and where to fight this foe, it is a matter of supreme im-