

Can anything be done in the Province of Ontario to stay, and lessen, the ravages of this horrible malady? That it is curable, in many cases, when taken early, is established. Is it possible that many of these cases first fall into the hands of quacks? Most physicians know of such instances, almost annually, or at least biennially. At least the people should be educated, in some way, to consult regular physicians early in these cases.

Some system should be devised whereby each case, when death occurs, be investigated and a history secured through the medical man certifying to the cause of death. This should not be very difficult. It would form most valuable data upon which to base some active work towards the special study of cancer, its cause, distribution and prevalence throughout the province. Whose duty is it to inaugurate and undertake this work?

Special Legislation, in all our provinces, affecting the medical profession, or relating thereto, should be carefully watched by the constituted bodies of that profession. It is not to be supposed that this is solely in our own personal and selfish interests, for the medical profession has a heart for all good measures affecting the public at large. The aim in medical life is as much to prevent disease as to cure it.

Within the past two and a half decades, the period of time in which preventive medicine has been outstanding, and almost predominating, the death-rate is twenty-five per cent. lower than formerly. It is asserted that the average span of life has lengthened at least a decade. Diseases, formerly prevalent, have become almost curiosities, and many are disappearing. There is no profit in all this to a profession which would gain financially were it otherwise. The income of the average medical man has diminished. He is clearly working not so much for himself as for the community.

The profession has not benefited from the legislation the medical man has urged. He has been a consistent advocate of vaccination, inoculation against typhoid, immunization treatment for prevention from diphtheria, safe water supplies, clean, safe milk and