

on the prosperity of the patients and their families as well as on the population as a whole, a view which is further supported by the consideration of the inestimable benefits which must accrue to the next generation.

Notwithstanding these benefits of sanatoria their most zealous champions will not contend that tuberculosis can be gotten rid of by means of these institutions alone. To effect this wholly or in greater part it would be necessary to have in addition a whole series of institutions and to promote their co-operation during many years, and amongst other measures to find a practical way of combatting pauperism. We would then achieve more happy and complete results in the suppression of tuberculosis as a social evil.

The treatment of tuberculosis as a national peril is one of the highest importance for our country and one to the promotion of which any honest citizen respectful of his duties as such should be prepared to devote the best energies of his life. Such task to be successful must be carefully planned and energetically executed.

Its scope extends far beyond the restricted spheres of our local organizations, whether municipal or provincial, it requires for its conception, initiation and direction a governing body free from local interests and prejudices having in view the health of our entire Dominion. The Federal Government as head of all our provincial and territorial administrations should take the lead in the movement to eradicate tuberculosis, following in this the practical example of England and Germany which have made this one of the planks of their imperial policy. It should help the provincial authorities to collect data for their statistics in regard to the extent of the disease, its causes and results, and aid in finding ways and means to combat it. It should enact laws suitable to meet the requirements of the situation and vote the funds necessary for the carrying out of these laws whether directed against pauperism as the chief, or any other cause which statistics might demonstrate. It should settle upon the number of sanatoria to be erected where those too poor to pay for their treatment could be placed and desig-