

patient should do for a certain period.... I take it that is the standard practice in any up-to-date hospital and I presume the same thing is done in the Sanatorium. There is a need to follow up these cases, to find out how they are getting on. Unless we have these statistics with regard to the number of active TB cases and the number of cures effected and of people who can enter into profitable employment, how do we know what progress we are making? I hope and trust that Public Health and Welfare will in future make an annual report, so that the people would have a clear and thorough picture of the activities of the department and the inroads it is making upon disease.... I believe that the work of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare would have been greatly helped if we had had annual reports. It is a practice of certain sub-divisions of government to make annual reports to the Commissioner in charge. I strongly suggest that this matter should be taken up.... We are laymen when it comes to making reports on these things. We do the best we can. But when it comes to medical terms and disease terms, it is the doctors themselves who can put in black and white the facts of the inroads on disease.

**Mr. Newell** I wonder if that is entirely what Mr. Butt had in mind. I take it he was not referring to people coming back to the hospital to get subsequent treatment. I wonder if he had in mind the economic condition — the means of earning a living. An arrested case of TB has to go back to engage in a type of work not conducive to the good health of persons who have just come out of TB hospital. I do not think it is done in this country along these lines. In one or two cases I know they have been provided employment, but that has been done on their behalf by other organisations in the north. This is another case where the whole public health and welfare system ties up with the economic position. I think we have the wrong outlook towards the expenditure of public monies. Take cottage hospitals — if they do cost \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year, what is that? I suppose there are households, not to mention hospitals, who get through that amount of money a year. The question we have to face, and very soon, is why do we have so much TB? Why do we have relief? And somebody says it is partly attributable to the standard of living. The standard of living is low, why? Is that something that

is going to be dependent on a particular form of government or is it dependent on us, the people? Who do we have to blame?

**Mr. Fudge** The labour crowd?

**Mr. Newell** Perhaps we can blame them. I think it goes even deeper than that. Our whole economic system is antiquated and whenever you suggest a minor alteration somebody thinks you are crazy. Unless we can check the economic problem we are not going to make any great strides in public health and welfare and we will always need to spend huge sums on both. I suggest that whether or not we can afford it, if we are not prepared to get to work and change the economic position of this country, at least the economic system, if we are not prepared to do something drastic, then we had better make up our minds that we have to afford these expenditures. The people do not want anybody's sympathy, but we have to tackle this problem from a realistic point of view. When we can provide an economic system that will give a decent standard of living we may be able to look forward to lower expenditures on public health and welfare. Until we do that, we have to make up our minds that it must come from somewhere; even if we have to do without some things to provide \$6 million, it has to be provided.

**Mr. Northcott** Speaking of TB, we have to get at the root of it. First, the government should see that every hotel, boarding house and restaurant has hot and cold water. Where there are no toilets inside, the ones outside should be treated with chlorine which will kill flies which carry the germs. I think if the chairman of the Committee would stress that point to the Public Health and Welfare Department, they will have done something worthwhile.

Mr. Bailey raised a very important point when he mentioned the *Northern Ranger* carrying sick people. Sick people should be segregated from other passengers, especially if a patient is carrying the germ of TB. It is a terrible thing to have those patients among two or three others....

Speaking of the report, it is a mass of figures and a few hours' job to grasp them, so I would more or less leave them as they are. I congratulate the members on the report. I am sure they put a lot of time and energy into it. Going back to the able-bodied relief which was spoken about — this \$100,000 spent on fuel for the sick relief,