

ASKED GOVERNMENT AID.

DELEGATES URGE A FIGHT AGAINST WHITE PLAGUE.

Resolution Passed by Tuberculosis Conference Presented to the Government by Hon. W. A. Charlton Premier Whitney's Remarks.

A deputation of the delegates from the tuberculosis conference waited upon the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet for the purpose of urging the necessity for largely increased Government aid in the battle with the white plague. The deputation, which numbered about 150, and included representatives from the majority of the counties of Ontario, was received by Premier Whitney. There were also present Hons. A. J. Matheson, W. J. Hanna, A. Beck, Dr. Reaume and N. Monteith.

The Hon. W. A. Charlton introduced the deputation and presented to the Government a resolution passed by the conference at its meeting the previous day. The resolution asked that the Government should increase the grant for the maintenance of consumption patients from \$1.50 to \$4.50 per patient per week.

Judge J. A. Barron of Stratford, in supporting the resolution, said that he knew that the Premier was quite in sympathy with their objects. "People," he said, "go wild on the temperance question. I am a Bible teetotaller—I take a little whiskey for my stomach's sake. Why, these people of Toronto the good—Toronto the good to those who don't know it—go crazy on temperance. Tuberculosis kills five people for every one that dies from intemperate habits."

Proceeding, Judge Barron urged that the Government should enforce an anti-spitting by-law in every municipality, and also the medical inspection of schools. In conclusion, he said:

"Putting it on the most mundane standing, we lose three million dollars a year through consumption. That is putting the value of a life at a thousand dollars. We are a long way within the line in that estimate, because the returns are not complete."

Addresses were also delivered by Mayor Steveley of London, Warden Ball of Grey; Dr. Lockhart, Warden of Waterloo; Mr. J. P. Jaffray, Galt; Dr. Rogers of Ingersoll; Mr. S. A. Egan, ex-Warden of Peel, and Mayor Moss of Dundas.

Premier Whitney, in reply to the deputation, said that the succession duties, as well as all other portions of the revenue, were, of course, the people's money, and the Government had to expend the whole of the revenue for the benefit of the people. He was in warm sympathy with their objects. He would promise them that the Cabinet would give this question more than mere formal or perfunctory consideration. The outcome of that consideration, however, could only be in the nature of preliminary steps.