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**FACTS PRESENTED**

Both the Daily Globe and the Daily World yesterday had editorials bearing on venereal diseases, their prevalence and their peril. Probably reference was made to this social evil, or, as it was referred to by one of the writers, "the pestilence that walketh in darkness," at this particular time, because only the day before officers representing Medical Health and Military Service, met in Toronto a group of men and women representing the citizenship of Canada, and laid before them facts that cannot be disputed. The officers demanded that "all the agencies dedicated to the service of the Nation and of the Church work together to combat an evil deadlier than smallpox, more destructive than war, and smiting without respect all grades of society, all ages, and both sexes."

There are many pleasanter subjects to write about and read about, but when we are informed by the highest authorities that in one year in one military district fifteen hundred military men have been under treatment for venereal diseases, in one hospital, it seems folly to close our eyes to the fact.

Many men and women would like to believe that the reports that come from the military camps in England, bearing on social evil are enlarged. We hope they are. But it is dangerous and mischievous for our newspapers, our public men and our ministers to pretend that the evil does not exist.

**MAPLE**

The Sabbath School of St. Stephen's church held a picnic on Mr. Smith's lawn Saturday afternoon.

Mr. J. Walter McDonald of Macleod is home on a visit to his father, who has been confined to bed.

Quite a number from this place attended the picnic at Abbey Farm last Saturday. Mr. Wm. O. McDonald succeeded in drawing the Silver Tea Service.

A tarantula measuring about five inches, was found under the counter in Mr. Bailey's store, and is now on exhibition in a glass jar. Seldom does a species of spider grow so large.

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