

## LEPROSY IN CANADA

TO THE EDITOR:

In the second issue of *THE JOURNAL*, this year, in an item on the number of lepers in the world, Canada was listed as having "less than 100." That statement is correct, but I am sure you will be glad to have a more accurate one of the situation here. On writing the Department of National Health, I learned that the present number of lepers in the Dominion is *nine*. The following figures are of interest:

Number of segregated cases in 1924.....	19
Number of segregated cases in 1937.....	12
Number of segregated cases in 1941.....	9

The law relating to the segregation of lepers is strictly enforced, and a close watch is kept on one or two foci from which the most recent cases have arisen. In speaking of foci, I mean one or two families or houses; actually only three families are under observation. The patients are segregated in two hospitals, one at Tracadie, New Brunswick, and another at Bentick Island, British Columbia. I am quite sure the situation in Canada is well under control, and that one cannot say of this country, as of many others, that for every leper known there are two or three not known.

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