

RESOLUTION RE PUBLIC HEALTH.

Vancouver, August 26th, 1904.

Moved by Dr. H. A. Lafleur, Montreal, and seconded by Dr. O. M. Jones, Victoria, and

Resolved, That the Canadian Medical Association regret that the Dominion Government have not seen their way clear to carrying out the suggestions contained in the several strong resolutions of this Association passed during the past three years on the question of the establishment of a Department of Public Health under one of the existing Ministers of the Crown.

That it be further Resolved, That this Association continue to press the wishes of the medical profession of the Dominion on this subject on the attention of the Government, inasmuch as we feel assured that the difficulties to be overcome in order to bring about such a desirable end are of small consequence to the public welfare compared to the beneficial results that will follow.

That the sub-committee in charge of this matter be reappointed at this meeting and requested to continue their efforts of the past three years.

That a copy of this resolution be sent by the General Secretary to the Right Honorable the Prime Minister, the Minister of Agriculture, and the Secretary of State. Carried.

Halifax, N.S., August 24th, 1905.

The General Secretary read for Dr. R. W. Powell the report of the Special Committee on a Public Health Department for Canada:

To the President and Members of the Canadian Medical Association:

Gentlemen,—As convener of your Committee in re the creation of a Department of Public Health, as a Dominion measure, I have the honor to report that practically no advance has been made since we first presented your views to the Federal Government on this important question three years ago.

Strong resolutions have been passed by your Association, containing the views of the profession on this matter. Year after year they have been duly forwarded to the proper authorities at Ottawa, to say nothing of the personal representations of our Committee conveyed to the Government by way of deputation and personal interview. On the last occasion I waited on the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture he pointed out to me that he was familiar with the views of our Association as contained in the several reso-