

the scientific bodies in this country are devoting their attention to this question; that we have our health officers all through the country, as you know from what you have heard from Dr. Bryce to-day and from our friend from British Columbia; that we have the very ablest sanitarians of the day at the head of the department, and it gives confidence that the administration of the health department is alive and active, and all that, under God, can be done by human means to prevent the introduction of cholera into this country will be done, and there its mission ends. After that comes the duty of the provincial officers, the duties of which Dr. Playter has spoken, and which we have the best evidence will be fully done by those provincial officers.

HON. MR. CARLING—I can assure you it gives me very great pleasure indeed to meet the Canadian Medical Association. This discussion shows that you are fully alive to the interests of the country, and prepared to do everything you can to prevent anything like an epidemic of cholera in this great Dominion of ours. I can assure you that the Government is fully alive to the importance of having everything that can be done (as has been said by my friend Dr. Bergin) by the Government of the Dominion to prevent cholera appearing in Canada attended to before next spring. Of course, as you are aware, we have perhaps not taken the precautions heretofore that we are taking now, because we have not been troubled by anything like cholera, and, in fact, other countries have taken perhaps no steps greater than we have. I believe that no quarantine was established at ports in either England, Ireland or Scotland; that patients are taken to the hospital—so I am informed; that they have no disinfecting appliances at Liverpool or the chief towns, cities or seaports, except at the hospitals, which are provided either by the Government or the municipality or locality, and I believe now that the city of Portland, the city of Boston and many other cities of the United States have not provided any more appliances for the prevention of cholera being introduced into the country than we have in Canada. But we are determined, as far as we are concerned, that we will use every effort and introduce every appliance that can be suggested to prevent cholera being brought in at Grosse Isle, or at Victoria, or at Halifax and many other points. Nearly everything that has been spoken