

(Health Officer), R. Mark and A. J. Horsey. Halifax—Drs. Wickwire, Moren, Almon, Farrell, W. H. Maloy, M.P.P., and Mayor Fraser. Charlottetown—Dr. Conroy. St. John, N.B.—Drs. Botsford, Harding, Daniel and Bayard. Fergus—Dr. G. Orton, M.P. Londonderry—Dr. Macdonald.

The delegates were received by the Hon. Mr. Pope, Sir Chas. Tupper and the Hon. A. P. Caron. Hon. Mr. Pope explained the present state of things and the desirability of effecting a radical change. A general discussion ensued, when the following resolutions were passed, which sufficiently show the gist of the various speakers' remarks :—

*Resolved*,—That, in the opinion of the meeting, in order the better to prevent disease and preserve human life, it is advisable that the Dominion Government should organize and sustain a uniform system of vital statistics for the Dominion.

*Resolved*,—That, as immediate action is necessary, the Federal Government be invited to initiate at once a system of vital statistics where organized Local Boards of Health are established, so that the statistical information may be utilized by these bodies.

*Resolved*,—That, as Provincial legislative action is necessary, it is suggested to the Federal Government that it communicate with and secure the co-operation of the Provincial Government to pass such legislation as will harmonize with and obtain the object of the preceding resolutions.

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable that a central bureau of statistics be established, and if found to be within the province of the Federal Government, a comprehensive system of health returns.

*Resolved*,—That inasmuch as it appears by the British North America Act that matters of public health are delegated to the Local Government, this delegation has not included it with the subject of vital statistics; nevertheless, they are of opinion that it would have been better had it been under the direction of the Federal Government, and beg to suggest that an effort be made to obtain an amendment to the constitution in that direction.

Sir Charles Tupper urged that a united effort should be made to obtain power for the Federal Government to take charge of a General Sanitary Bureau. As these matters are now placed under the Local Governments and the municipal authorities by the British North American Act, it will be necessary for them separately to petition for permission to resign their functions to the central authority. If, then, the latter represent to the Imperial Government, their willingness to assume control of the Sanitary Departments, it is most probable that an amendment to that effect to the Confederation Act could be obtained.

The suggestion of Sir Charles Tupper is well deserving of