

During the afternoon session, an important discussion took place in which the many aspects of the question were dealt with. The following resolutions were passed:—

1. Whereas in the "Reconstruction of Canada" following the great war, there are very many important problems that must be taken into consideration, such as finance, soldiers' re-establishment, labor, etc. Among these the conservation of the health and lives of the people is equally if not most important to be dealt with, as life is the country's greatest asset.

Therefore, Resolved that this Conference, whose personnel is made up by representatives from the various Provincial Governments of Canada, together with their Chief Medical Officers, assembled at Ottawa this third day of February, 1919, at the call of the Acting Premier, the Honourable Sir Thomas White, for consideration of the venereal disease question, do memorialize the Government of Canada that it is in the interests of the future health and life of the citizenship of Canada that there should be immediately established a Federal Department of Health.

2. That the representative of the several Governments and Health Departments of the Provinces of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick assembled in conference, at the call of the Acting Premier of Canada, are agreed, subject to the consideration of the governments of the respective provinces, that the following general principles are necessary in any provincial legislation looking to the prevention and control of venereal diseases in the said provinces:—

- A. Compulsory notification.
- B. Compulsory treatment.
- C. Standardized treatment.
- D. Authority to examine persons suspected of being affected with venereal disease.
- E. Prevention of quack treatment, quack remedies, and of the advertising of such treatment and remedies.
- F. Right of entry of Public Health authorities.
- G. Prevention of infection—see Ontario Act, Sec. No. 8.
- H. Power to make regulations, by Order-in-Council, Sec. 13, Ontario Act.
- I. Liability of municipalities or local authorities—Sec. 14 (1) Ontario Act.
- J. Penalties—Sec. 13 (j) Ontario Act.

3. That the Criminal Code of Canada be amended so that a person who is suffering from venereal disease in a communicable form, who knowingly or by culpable negligence communicates such venereal dis-