

something simple and common sense, viz., that matters of public health, now under the jurisdiction of about seven departments, with great inconvenience to the public, be brought together into one department, and that a political Minister of Health was not with the range of our demands, but that the department could be administered by one of the existing members of the cabinet. In this matter we are away behind nearly all civilized countries. A national laboratory, chemical and biological, ought to be at Ottawa, and then we could be put in possession of laboratory products so essential in these days, knowing them to be of standard composition and value and not be obliged to depend on commercially issued packages put on the market to make money out of.

The health of the individual of a country is one of its highest assets and yet we spend prodigious sums to protect the public at the borders where disease may possibly gain admission, yes, and huge sums in all directions where the health of cattle, or swine are concerned, both at the border and within the country, but nothing as a State is done to protect the lives and comfort of the Canadian atom created in our midst and acknowledged to be the backbone of the national wealth.

Canadian manhood and womanhood may have a higher place in national estimation when this titanic struggle in Europe is over, and possibly it will be learned that it is a useful thing to have strong and vigorous manhood available for the upholding of all that is worth fighting for, and that it would pay to preserve the interior of the nation in good health as well as merely guarding the borders from inroads from outside.

At the threshold of the opening of the new century I became convinced of the crying necessity for the establishment of an association that could be utilized for binding the profession from the Atlantic to the Pacific into a brotherhood for protection and defence against unworthy assaults on its members in relation to trumped up charges of malpractice and I devoted a major part of my address as president of the Canada Medical Association that year at Ottawa in 1900 to the consideration of this question.

I was quickly rewarded, because the next year at Winnipeg a scheme was formulated and I was asked to take charge of its organization. I consented on the one ground that it was to be made Dominion in its operations. This was acceded to and the work was undertaken. It was a labour of love and I threw my energies into it unsparingly. I was not well supported, but, realizing that