

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, 7th November, 1879.

SIR,—I am directed by the Minister of Agriculture, to state to you his views in relation to the letter written by you to Sir Charles Tupper; and by him transferred, on the subject of Health Registration.

At present there is no fund voted by Parliament that could be devoted legitimately for that purpose; but if the scheme was presented to the Minister of Agriculture, in its entirety, with a mention of the sum required to help the Medical Association in carrying out the project together with some guarantees as to the result to be expected, the Minister would not be averse to entertain the subject, and to present it to his colleagues, with a view to further action.

I return to you, as desired by Sir Charles Tupper, the letters of Messrs. Monk and Botsford.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. C. TACHÉ,

DR. OLDRIGHT, Toronto.

*Deputy Minister of Agriculture.*

TORONTO, 25th November, 1879.

SIR,—I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 7th inst., and must apologize for not having done so before. I would have done so but that I expected to send the necessary information at once. This I hope soon to be able to do. Meanwhile,

I remain your obedient servant,

WM. OLDRIGHT.

J. C. TACHÉ, Deputy Minister Agriculture.

47, UNION AVENUE, MONTREAL, 19th January, 1880.

SIR,—At the last annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, the subject of the registration of health throughout the Dominion was seriously discussed, and the many advantages that might be conferred upon the public by a comprehensive scheme of registration were so obvious and appeared so desirable that a Committee was appointed, consisting of the President of the Association and Drs. Robillard and Oldright, to draw the attention of the Government of the Dominion to the public utility of a comprehensive system of health registration, and to solicit its generous aid and co-operation in carrying it out.

As you are aware, some correspondence has already taken place between some of the Members of the Government and one of the members of the Committee, and in accordance with the suggestions of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, a scheme of Health Registration has been prepared and a memorial to His Excellency the Governor General drawn up, praying for the appropriation of a reasonable grant of money for the effective carrying out of the scheme, which documents have been transmitted this day to the Hon. the Secretary of State, the official channel, I am informed, for bringing such matters before Her Majesty's Ministers.

The Committee feel much satisfaction in the conviction that their wishes will receive the personal support of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture.

I have the honor to remain, your obedient servant,

R. P. HOWARD, M.D.,

*President of the Canadian Medical Association.*

Hon. Minister of Agriculture.

47, UNION AVENUE, MONTREAL, 19th January, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit the enclosed petition on the part of the Canadian Medical Association, with a scheme for a system of health registration, and