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The Provincial Health Officers Take Prompt Measures.

Dr. Bryce, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, who is in New York with the Cholera Commission, has sent a lengthy communication to the board.

At a special meeting of the board held yesterday the secretary's letter was read and considered by the members present, who were Dr. Cassidy (chairman), Dr. Macdonald, Hamilton, Dr. Kitchin, St. George, and Dr. Vaux, Brockville.

Dr. Bryce's letter stated the results of the commission's investigations. The Gross quarantine station, he said, was inadequately equipped, even with the addition of the Toronto apparatus, several days being required for the disinfection of a single ship. The letter was in substance the same as the published report of the commission.

The board decided that strict quarantine regulations were an absolute necessity, and the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That in view of the action of the President of the United States, who has issued an order establishing a quarantine of 30 days against vessels carrying emigrants, so as to prevent the introduction of cholera into the ports of the United States, hereby defining the quarantine of emigrants to our shores, and also seeing the unprepared condition of the quarantine station at Grosvenor Lake and other Canadian ports, the Provincial Board of Health of Ontario through the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture desires to urge most strongly on the Government of the Dominion of Canada the advisability of issuing immediate regulations enforcing a quarantine of 30 days against all vessels carrying emigrants to Canadian ports."

As it is possible that cholera may be introduced into Canada through the United States, it was thought advisable to recommend that protective measures should be taken, and this resolution was carried unanimously: "That we recommend the Government of Ontario to pass an order-in-council authorizing the appointment of sanitary inspectors, whose office it shall be to board all trains, steamboats, etc. passing from the State of New York into the Province of Ontario in order that they may take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the importation of cholera into this province."

Dr. Norman Allen, Medical Health Officer of Toronto, who was present, was requested to give his opinion on the removal of privy pits in the city, and that they were undoubtedly a fruitful source of disease. He expressed the opinion that municipalities would soon find it necessary to abolish them. While on this theme the Board took occasion to pass this resolution: "That the Provincial Board of Health desires to emphasize an opinion already expressed on several occasions, that all privy pits in the province, regarding them as a most potent factor in the spread of Asiatic cholera and other epidemic diseases."

One of the next questions with which the board would have to deal, Dr. Allen thought, would be the proposal to construct a trunk sewer with treatment of sewage at the outfall. A pamphlet issued by the board in 1884 and containing instructions for the prevention of the spread of cholera was read by Dr. Cassidy, and the board decided that the pamphlet should be revised and a sufficient quantity printed for distribution throughout the municipalities of the province.

The Free Text Books. The Printing and Supplies Committee of the Public School Board yesterday accepted the tender of Messrs. Gage & Co. to label the free books at the rate of \$1.75 per 1000. The Canada Paper Company was awarded the tender for 30,000 covers for the books at \$5.50 per 1000.

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