

selection, in that among them were men wise, high, honorable, and distinguished, with reputations, not confined to the immediate locality, but extending to the whole of the Dominion, the adjoining Republic, and even to Europe; it was, he repeated, a subject of regret to him that among these men, they had not found some one among them to fill the high and honorable post they had that day again conferred upon him. The circumstance of his election, nevertheless, whilst causing in him the feeling to which he had just given expression, led him also more fully to appreciate the great honor and distinction they had done him. He would add, at the risk of appearing egotistical, that although he had been proposed to yield up the high place which he had filled with so much pleasure to himself, yet he would yield to no living man in his constant and anxious desire to advance the true interests of his profession, and to carry out in their highest sense and all their integrity, the objects of the Association of which they were members. The Association, as he conceived it, was formed for the benefit of the profession and interests of society generally. For himself, out of the past six months, he had only had leisure to spend one month with his family, therefore, it would be apparent to them that any leisure time at his disposal would naturally be devoted to them; but in the case of the Medical Convention he had felt his duty to be imperative, and that to perform that duty he must at all risks and at no matter what inconvenience place himself at their service on this occasion (cheers); and it was in pursuance of that first duty that he had come among them that day. He believed that the future of the Association was a future of greatness, and a future of extended usefulness, and he felt that his place was really and truly among them. When this great Dominion was being constituted, he had been offered a cabinet portfolio, and at various times other high offices in various spheres of usefulness, but such offers he had invariably declined, feeling better able to devote himself with a greater prospect of usefulness to his fellow men, and to the profession at large. In his present state, and on that account, if on that account alone, he felt that he was entitled to be relieved from the claims of other public duties, in order that he might devote himself to the high and honorable profession to which he ventured to say he had devoted the most valuable hours of his life, to which he had consecrated such powers as he possessed, and to which he was bringing up his eldest son. Such had been his life, such his highest ambition; and it was with this devotion to the profession that he had entertained that feeling of regret to which he had given expression in the most forcible manner in his power. And now nothing remained for him but to thank them most warmly for re-electing him as their president. The learned gentleman then resumed his seat amid great and continuous cheering.

The sitting was then declared adjourned till 11 o'clock Friday.

THIRD DAY.

The Convention resumed its business at 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

Dr. DAVID called attention to an incorrect and unjust statement made in the report of the proceedings which appeared in the *Gazette*, headed "A

Storm Brewing," to the effect that a "French Canadian M. D. protested loudly and emphatically against the by-laws being printed in English." This statement was entirely incorrect, and the *Gazette* should be called upon to correct it.

Dr. LAROCQUE, the M. D. referred to, said that he had not objected to the printing of the by-laws in English. All he had requested was that the constitution should not be hurriedly adopted, before the French Canadian gentlemen had an opportunity of reading it in French, because several of them found it impossible, in the hurry of debate, to fully understand the English translation. He had not protested loudly nor emphatically against the constitution being printed in English, nor had he endeavored to raise a storm. He and his French Canadian confreres came to the Convention, not to foment quarrels, but to work in harmony with their English brethren in promoting the general welfare of the Association. (Cheers.) He knew the utility of the Association, and he hoped the time would come when it would take a higher rank in the Dominion—high as its position now was. (Cheers.)

A member thought that a resolution should be passed by the Convention protesting against the unjust statements of the *Gazette*, but on the President's stating that he had no doubt, after what had been said, a correction would be made, the matter was allowed to drop.

THE BY-LAWS.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee recommending a code of by-laws for the Association, and adopted them one by one, with some alterations.

Dr. SMALLWOOD moved, seconded by Dr. DAVID, that the by-laws, as amended, be adopted.—Carried.

Dr. TUPPER observed that it was impossible for the Convention to proceed with the consideration of the various reports received this session, and therefore it would be better to postpone them till the next annual meeting, with the exception, perhaps, of the Code of Ethics.

Dr. HINGSTON moved, seconded by Dr. ROTTOR, that the Code of Ethics, as proposed by the committee, be adopted.—Carried.

Dr. MARSDEN moved that the following Committee of Arrangements be appointed:—Drs. Hodder, Richardson, Berryman, Thorburn, Hall, Canniff and Grassi.—Carried.

Dr. LAROCQUE presented the second annual report of the Montreal Sanitary Association.—Referred to the Committee on Hygiene.

The following Committee on Printing was appointed:—Drs. David, Smallwood, Hingston, Marsden, F. W. Campbell and Robillard.

On motion, all the Standing Committees of last year were re-appointed.

Dr. MARSDEN moved that the Convention reconsider the action taken the previous day on the communication respecting mineral waters, with a view to recommending them.

Dr. HINGSTON thought it would be injudicious to reconsider the matter, and bring those springs into such prominent notice.

Dr. DAVID was of the same opinion. If they paid so much attention to these mineral springs