

Dispatch and Enclosures above referred to. While thanking His Excellency for these valuable documents I took occasion, on behalf of the Board, to inform him that so far back as the year 1862, my attention had been called to a pamphlet* by the Rev. Mr. Moule, announcing his discovery of the Dry Earth System, and further that, recognizing the great value of the discovery, I in the course of that year brought the subject formally under the notice of my colleagues on the Board.

As an evidence that my colleagues had not only not failed to appreciate the bearings of this sanitary discovery, but that they had been at some pains to introduce the improved system into the Provincial Penitentiary and other Public Institutions of the Country, coming under their supervision, I quoted in my communication the following extracts from the published Report of the Board for the year 1866, under the caption «Dry Earth Closets.»

«The substitution of the «Dry Earth Closets» for «Water Closets» has for the last three or four years been going on very generally in many of the Jails and other Public Institutions, as also in many private residences in England.»

«Previous to the general adoption of this system in England, the authorities in India had recognized its value, and introduced it, in a very simple form, into all the Jails of that country. In their last Official Report the Indian Authorities pronounce the system as perfectly successful, and extremely simple.

«Judging from the highly important sanitary and economic results which have invariably followed the introduction of this system wherever tried, the Inspectors think themselves warranted in asserting that the «Dry Earth» system is destined to rank among the most valuable sanitary and economic discoveries of the day.

«Under these circumstances the Inspectors feel that they may be permitted to refer, with some degree of satisfaction, to the fact, that this Board was it is believed the first public Body on this Continent who officially called public attention to the subject, and took steps to test the efficacy of the new system by actual experiment, as they did, first in the Provincial Penitentiary, and afterwards in several of the Common Jails of the country.

«The Inspectors do not hesitate to predict that before many years are over the «Dry Earth» system, which it has fallen to their lot to inaugurate on this Continent, will be found in use gene-

* The Pamphlet was kindly placed in my hands by Col. Campbell, C. B. Seigneur of St. Hilaire.