

ing ponds a source of danger and disease? (2) Should it be used in hospitals and by householders? (3) How far can it be said to affect the general health? The President referring to each of the questions, indicated that they had been answered in the discussion following Prof. Wright's paper on water analysis, which will be found printed in the proceedings.

The Secretary read a telegram from Col. Deacor, of Lindsay, expressing his regret at inability to attend. Thereafter the President presented a request from the Mayor, Town Council, and Local Board of Health of Lindsay, asking that the Association hold one of its regular meetings in Lindsay during the coming summer. The invitation was accepted on motion of Dr. Griffin, seconded by Capt. Clarke, of Guelph, and the Secretary instructed to officially accept the invitation in the name of the Association.

Dr. Bryce then in a few remarks referred to a resolution adopted by the Provincial Board of Health, instructing its representatives at this meeting to urge its support of the resolutions passed by that Board regarding quarantine. The following motion was then adopted on motion of Dr. Burrows, Lindsay, seconded by Dr. Ford, Norwood:

"That this Association desires to express its concurrence in the views contained in the resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Provincial Board of Health *re* quarantine, and to further state that the responsibilities thrown upon Local Medical Health Officers when small-pox and cholera are introduced, are such as to cause them to view with pleasure the recent improvements which have been made in the Dominion quarantine, and to express the hope that such measures will be still further perfected and such appropriations made as will equip and maintain the same in the highest state of efficiency."

Dr. Coventry, Chairman, then presented the report of Committee No. 7 on "Control and Prevention of Disease." The report was adopted after a

short discussion. It was thereafter moved by Dr. Griffin, seconded by Capt. Clarke, that the report of Committee No. 8 on "Dangerous and Unhealthy Occupations;" that of J. R. Brown, on "Condition of Factories in Ontario;" and that of Dr. Burrows on the "Commercial Value of Sanitation," be read by title. Carried.

The Secretary thereafter presented the report of the Committee on Statistics and Printing *re* the incorporation of the Association. It was received and he was instructed to prosecute the matter to completion.

Dr. Coventry urged the necessity of having a list of Medical Health Officers of the Province placed in the hands of each executive officer, and that the names of the members of the same committee be supplied to each member of the committee. The suggestion was approved of on motion of Mr. Dolsen, seconded by Dr. Robillard.

The following resolution was carried on motion of Dr. Lundy, seconded by Dr. Robillard:

"That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Dr. Bryce, the Secretary-Treasurer, for his intelligent, earnest, and unceasing efforts to promote the interests of the public health, and that we deem this recognition of his services more necessary in consequence of the inadequacy of the compensation attached to his official position."

Dr. Bryce briefly thanked the Association.

Mr. Dowd was, on motion, heard briefly regarding the criticisms made *re* the Smead-Dowd system of heating and ventilation at a previous session. His explanations appeared to meet with general satisfaction.

The Secretary having placed in the hands of the President a communication from Dr. McMahon, M.P.P., stating that the Attorney-General and Minister of Agriculture had fixed an hour for receiving the deputation from the Association that afternoon, the meeting finally adjourned to the call of the chair.

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### HEALTH IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The following extract from the interesting report of the Minister of Education is important information, and at the same time supplies material worthy of remark from MEDICAL SCIENCE.

Speaking of the average attendance throughout the year the report states that it is 47% and 45%

respectively of the registered number of pupils in separate schools and rural public schools. In Paris the average attendance reaches 78%, and in Whitby it falls to 38%. Then follows the quotation "I have mentioned these averages for two purposes: (1) to point out as strongly as possible a grievous fault, for which only parents and guardians can provide a remedy; and (2) to show that there is