

## Society Reports.

### CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association opened at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the morning of the 28th of August, and continued for the two following days. There were in attendance over 175 members from all parts of the Dominion, the second largest gathering in the history of the Association, and the meeting itself has been pronounced the most successful of any yet held under the auspices of this Association. There were several visiting doctors from the United States.

Dr. H. H. Chown, of Winnipeg, the President, occupied the chair, while Dr. F. N. G. Starr, of Toronto, discharged the duties of secretary.

In the absence of Chief Justice Killam, Dr. J. H. O'Donnell, one of the oldest practitioners in the West, delivered the address of welcome. He referred to the conditions present in 1869, when Winnipeg was an outpost of civilization, and gave interesting references to Drs. Cowan, Curtis J. Bird, Beddom and Bund, who were already in the West when Dr. O'Donnell moved there in 1869. His address was very much appreciated by the members of the Association.

Dr. R. W. Powell, of Ottawa, the past-President of the Association, then introduced Dr. H. H. Chown, the President-elect.

Dr. Chown on rising to reply was received with hearty cheers, testifying to the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow-practitioners throughout the Dominion. He briefly thanked the Association for the honor they had conferred upon him at the meeting in Ottawa one year ago.

Dr. Starr, the Secretary, presented his annual report. It referred to the meeting at Ottawa last year, to the attendance of 153 members—which was an increase over former meetings in that city, to Dominion Registration, and to the formation of a Physicians' Protective Association.

Dr. Edebohls, of New York, and Dr. Sutton, of Pittsburg, were welcomed to the convention and requested to participate in the discussions.

#### The Question of Medical Defence.

This was introduced by Dr. Russell Thomas, of Lennoxville, Que., who had been delegated by the St. Francis District Association to present this subject to the Canadian Medical Association. He made a strong plea for the formation of a Medical