

was introduced into the Parliament of the Province of Quebec at its late session, which, however, has not yet passed into law.

That the public attention which has been aroused abroad by the Government agents and others to the advantages which Canada presents to emigrants and intending settlers, loudly demands information in regard to health, life, salubrity of climate, soil and locality, climatic influences, &c., which accurate sanitary statistics alone can furnish.

The time is opportune for such legislative action, which has the powerful recommendation that it will tend to the protection of society by the preservation of health, the protection of human life, and the saving of the public money.

The Canadian Medical Association of this Dominion, representing the medical profession of the Dominion of Canada, and comprising all the best medical talent, at its annual meeting, held at Niagara on the 5th Aug., 1874, in reference to this subject, reported as follows:—The Committee of Registration, after mature deliberation, recommends, “That this Association take the necessary steps to have carried through the Dominion Legislature an Act similar (in so far as it is adapted to this country) to the Medical Act of Great Britain, passed in 1858, in which sanitary statistics are a most important feature.” The Medical Council of Ontario also, at its annual meeting at Toronto, in August last, adopted views precisely similar to the foregoing, and recommended the memorializing of the Government of Ontario on the same subject.

The value and importance of the information which Sanitary Statistics will furnish, cannot be over-estimated. In 1858, the Privy Council of Great Britain directed its attention to this subject, and the appointment of John Simon, Esquire, one of the most eminent sanitarians in London, to the office of Medical Officer of the Privy Council, was followed by a valuable report on the subject. Since that time, most valuable official documents are annually published; he has been allowed to call in to his aid all the special talent in the kingdom; and investigations, most important not only to the State, but to the cause of Science, are annually published. In one of these reports, Mr.