

Association many and lengthy were the discussions on this question, with, however, so little satisfaction, and at the cost of so much ill-feeling, that in its fourth year a resolution was brought in stating that as all matters of public health belonged to the Provincial Parliaments, the question should not, for the present, be discussed by the Canadian Medical Association. In 1880, nothing daunted, Dr. Howard again brought this matter before this Association, and so earnest was his appeal, and so clear and concise his plan, that when a national board of health becomes an actual fact his name should be for ever associated with its foundation. He suggested that each Province should have its own Board of Health, and that there should be a Central or National Board at Ottawa, all to work together for the public welfare. That amongst other duties should be assigned to the National Board "the preparing of a comprehensive plan for a national public health organization to be submitted to the Federal and Provincial Legislatures for their approval; the obtaining information upon all matters affecting the public health; the advising the several departments of the Government and the Executives of the several Provinces on all questions submitted to them, or whenever, in the opinion of the Board, such advice may tend to the preservation and improvement of the public health; the securing the establishment of a board of health in each Province, whose functions shall be performed in accordance with the plan prepared by the central board; the guiding, advising and assisting provincial boards, and securing their co-operation in the obtaining of regular periodical reports upon all matters of State medicine; the combining and summarizing in annual reports all the information and facts contributed by the several provincial boards of health, and by any municipal organization or other source." Further on he says the board should consist of a physician, a surgeon, a physician with practical experience as a health officer, a chemist, a veterinarian, a statistician, and a sanitary engineer and architect, all first-rate men, and to receive compensation during the time when actually engaged in the performance of their duties. Here is a scheme which every one must admit is as practical as it is comprehen-