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### Ontario Sanitary Convention.

*Held at Ottawa, on the 11th and 12th March, 1884.*

THE Ottawa Sanitary Convention formed one of the series held under the auspices of the Ontario Provincial Board of Health during the present year, and which have tended very much to promote a feeling for increased sanitary knowledge, and to create a desire among the citizens of those cities in which these Conventions have been held, to assist in carrying out the objects of the chairman and members of the Provincial Board of Health, under whose auspices they are held.

The Convention was fairly represented by members of the Senate and the Commons, and Citizens, as well as gentlemen from other parts of the provinces, interested in sanitary measures.

Among those present were Dr. W. Oldright, Chairman of the Provincial Board of Health, Drs. Coverton, Bryce and Cassidy, members of the same; Dr. W. Canniff, Medical Health Officer of Toronto; Dr. Rao, of Oshawa; also, Dr. Sweetland, Sheriff of Ottawa, President of the Canadian Sanitary Association, and F. N. Boxer, Civil and Sanitary Engineer, the Secretary. Among the medical men of Ottawa were present Drs. Grant, Hill, Stephen Wright, H. P. Wright, Henderson, Mark, Small, Rogers, and Dr. Robillard, Medical Health Officer; also several clergymen and professors of schools, among whom were G. Baptie, M.A., M.D., Ottawa; Selence-Master of the Normal School, and Professor Wood, M.A., Principal of Ottawa Ladies' College,

besides Robert Surties, City Engineer, and T. Guerin, Civil Engineer of the Board of Works.

Dr. Sweetland having been called to the chair, the proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Longley.

After some very appropriate remarks from Dr. Sweetland on the importance of these Conventions as a means of disseminating sanitary knowledge among the masses,

His Worship the Mayor of Ottawa addressed the meeting in a few kind words of welcome.

Dr. Oldright then delivered his introductory address. He observed that one of the objects of this Convention meant hard work, and although there still existed among men much of that apathy to health matters which pervaded all classes during the plagues of olden times; yet, he was glad to say, that a lively spirit in favour of sanitation had been created by these meetings and discussions, and he felt that the day was not far distant when that spirit would spread over the land, and zymotic diseases to a great extent be restrained. He then went on and explained the significance of the change that came over the health of the cities in Britain after its Government passed the Act in 1875 establishing local Boards of Health throughout the country, with power to institute sanitary reform. He referred to the large number of deaths in Ontario from contagious diseases, and contended that if we had proper Sanitary Boards who could have power to make by-laws and to insist on the plumbing, drainage, sewerage and ventilation of houses being made perfect in every respect, a