

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

A GOOD many years ago it occurred to some of the members of the profession in the Dominion that there should be a way of forming a closer bond of union among the doctors in all the provinces. With that object in view, a medical conference was called, with delegates from each of the provinces, to consider the matter. They met in the hall of Laval University, Quebec, on Wednesday, October 9th, 1867. Dr. James Arthur Sewell, president of the Quebec Medical Society, was in the chair. Dr. Alfred Belleau acted as secretary.

After some preliminary business had been transacted, Dr. Wm. S. Harding, of St. John, N.B., moved, seconded by Dr. William Marsden, of Quebec, Q., "That it is expedient for the medical profession of the Dominion of Canada to form a medical association, to be named 'The Canadian Medical Association.'" Carried.

A nominating committee was appointed. They brought in a report, which, after some discussion and one or two amendments, was adopted. The first officers of the association were : President, Hon. Charles Tupper, C.B., Halifax, N.S.; vice-presidents : Quebec—Dr. Hector Peltier, Montreal, Q. ; Nova Scotia—Dr. R. S. Black, Halifax ; New Brunswick—Dr. LeBarm Botsford, St. John ; Ontario—Dr. E. M. Hadder, Toronto ; general secretary, Dr. Alfred G. Belleau, Quebec ; local secretaries : Quebec—Dr. W. H. Hingston, Montreal ; Nova Scotia—Dr. James R. DeWolf, Halifax ; New Brunswick—Dr. W. S. Harding, St. John ; Ontario—Dr. Wm. Canniff, Belleville ; treasurer, Dr. Robert Henry Russell, Quebec.

Thus commenced an organization the value of which cannot be overestimated by the profession of this Dominion. Since then large and successful provincial societies have sprung up, and it has been thought that the work of the Canadian Medical Association has been completed.

Fortunately for the profession generally, this opinion has been held by but a limited number, and up to the present all attempts to curtail its usefulness have failed. During the last few years there has been much enthusiasm over the meetings, and the attendance has been large. Next year the meeting will be held in St. John, N.B., some time in September ; and, if united effort can do anything, the members of the profession in the Maritime Provinces intend to make this one of the most successful meetings the association has ever known.

F. N. G. STARR, Secretary.