that the vaccine produced at the Quebec vaccine " farm " was *perfect*. In spite of this strong statement, it is the obvious duty of the Provincial Board of Health, under whose control the farm is conducted, to make a thorough investigation of the methods employed in that institution, and to leave no stone unturned to make it as nearly perfect as possible.

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

The above association will hold its 22nd meeting in Montreal, Sept. 25th to 28th next. The Association was organized in 1872 for the purpose of inaugurating measures for the restriction and prevention of contagious and infectious diseases, and for the diffusion of sanitary knowledge among the people. The growth of the Association and the work it has accomplished more than justify its existence. Its membership has been augmented from year to year until it now constitutes the largest and strongest sanitary body in the world, and embraces in territorial extent the United States, the Dominion of Canada, and the Republic of Mexico. Under the impetus given by its work, state and local boards of health and sanitary associations have been organized, sanitary publications increased, and hygienic knowledge widely and extensively diffused.

Among its members may be found physicians, lawyers, ministers, civil and sanitary engineers, health officers, teachers, plumbers, merchants, etc., in fact every profession and many of the industries are represented in its list of members. The only qualifications required for membership are a good moral character, an interest in hygiene and the endorsement of two members of the Association. Cost of membership, five dollars a year.

The local Committee of Arrangements is at work to insure a large and profitable meeting, and it is to be hoped that the number of Canadians who will join the Association, for this Canadian meeting will compare favourably with what has been done elsewhere.

The railways have reduced their rates to one-fare and one-third, provided certificates of attendance be produced when