

men, in going forth, to make these subjects a matter of careful consideration, and in due time make your influence to be felt in the Legislative counsels of the Dominion. Hitherto the experiences and teachings of science have been systematically ignored. The time must come, sooner or later, when the science of medicine will be recognized as not less a part of statesmanship than is law. The science of life, the preservation of health, which is so essential to intellect and capacity for labour, energy and industry; the knowledge of the mortality of communities and their causes, with a view to their amelioration or prevention; the comparison between the mortality and increase of a people, are all subjects of greater importance to the success of legislation than is a knowledge of the method of making laws and the obscure art of interpreting statutes. There can be no question of the fact that sanitary science is destined to hold a prominent place in the counsels of the country. The longer these facts are ignored, the greater will be the loss to the community, and eventually discredit must attach to any administration for such wilful and criminal neglect.

A wise, thoughtful, and well digested sanitary act will be found of greater importance to the people of this Dominion than a Pacific Railroad, and, as a matter of economy, it would result in a saving of both life and treasure. Millions of dollars are spent every tenth year in giving to the country a census report, which, on the question of vital statistics, is utterly worthless, and until we have introduced a proper system of enumeration of births and deaths we shall be unable to form any correct opinion on this all-important topic.

Quite recently it was proposed that the medical course should be made one of nine months, instead of as at present of six months' duration. To this strong opposition is offered, as it is believed, that it would entail extra labour on both teacher and student, not commensurate with the time spent by such a change. It is well known that in this young country many a worthy man is compelled to labour during recess, for the means to enable him to complete his college course. It is a proud boast in this Canada of ours that any position in the country is open