

had been made out by the attending Physician. An inquest was held and the verdict of the jury, suggested we suppose by the Coroner, was death from Apoplexy.

THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Before this number of the journal reaches our subscribers the Canadian Medical Association will have met at Halifax Nova Scotia to hold its eighth annual meeting. Hitherto little has been done by this association with a view of placing the Canadian profession in a proper light as a scientific body before the world. We expect much good will ultimately result from these meetings although from lack of a proper system of organization very little has so far been done. By a proper system of organization we do not desire to throw any slur on the association, but think that if the British system were adopted, of establishing branch Associations throughout the country that real and valuable work would be done at these annual gatherings. There are many subjects which will we doubt not receive due consideration.

Vital statistics will we believe form a part of the programme but without a uniform system of governmental registration it will be difficult to arrive at anything like truthful results. Registration to be effective must be enforced and carried out by officials appointed by the Crown. Such has been the experience of every country in the world, and we in Canada need not expect to receive reliable information on this subject so long as the present system is permitted to continue. The Roman Catholic Church is averse to a secular system of registration, because it holds that if permitted to be carried out by civil enactment the church would lose that hold over the consciences of the faithful which acts as a barrier to civil marriages, and neglect of baptism. Such are the arguments which we have heard advanced. We can only say that if the votaries of the church are alone held to their duty by