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EXTRACTS from the Joint Report of Wm. Marsden, A.M., M.D. of Quebec; Ed. Playter, M.D., Editor *Sanitary Journal*, Toronto, and Geo. A. Baynes, M.D., &c., Editor *Public Health Magazine*, of Montreal, submitted to the Dominion Government April 10th, 1876:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

6th April, 1876.

We, the undersigned, having been summoned to appear before the Select Committee of the Commons of Canada, appointed 20th March, 1876, to enquire into the expediency of legislating on the matter of Sanitary Reform, have the honor to report :

That no safe or effective plan of public hygiene can be carried out without legislative action.

That the true basis of all such legislation is "Sanitary Statistics."

That all civilized countries are in an advanced state in these respects, and especially Great Britain, France, Prussia, and the United States of America.

That, notwithstanding the advancement in Arts and Sciences which has marked the progress of this Dominion, very little has yet been done in this department of Sanitary Science, and that in a very detached, partial and imperfect manner. The Province of Nova Scotia has taken the lead in this matter, and has a system of vital statistics. Ontario has followed and also has a system that requires amendment, and a bill for the same purpose