

Canadian medicine and medical men were well to the fore in the proceedings at the recent meeting of the British Medical Association at Edinburgh; Dr. Peter's demonstration of a new and rapid method of making casts from anatomical and pathological specimens created wide interest, so that he had to repeat the demonstrations frequently. Dr. McCarthy's paper read by Dr. Shepherd upon the structure of the Hippocampus Major was perhaps the most novel contribution to the anatomical section, and the same may be said of Dr. Adami's paper read by Dr. Osler upon the Bacteriology of Cirrhosis in the medical section. In the physiological section Prof. A. B. Macallum contributed an article upon "Some points in the micro-chemistry of nerve cells," bearing upon the observations of one of his pupils, Mr. Scott, pointing out that Nissl's spindles in nerve cells are derived from the nucleus of the cell and are of the nature of a nucleo-proteid. He also brought forward in this connection, the most important work recently done by him upon the micro-chemical determination of the presence of phosphorus in these and other bodies. Dr. Shepherd took an important part in the discussion on the significance of Anatomical Variations.

At the October meeting of the Provincial Board of Health, among other business the following was enacted:

"The Provincial Board could not entertain the request made by the Health Department of Montreal to examine dairies supplying milk to their city and situated outside their limits, but will offer to give the city officials, whose work it should be, the necessary authority to visit the various dairies in which Montreal is interested in whatever parish they may be situated."

It was resolved to make it as widely known as possible, through the press, that the Board absolutely condemns the long tube feeding bottle for infants, and to earnestly recommend pharmacists and others to stop selling them, in the name of humanity, calling their attention to the fact that in some countries their sale has been prohibited by law.

It was decided to amend the by-laws of the Board, so as to require the disinfection of urine in typhoid fever.

The president called attention to the fact that there had been a remarkable increase of typhoid this year in Montreal, and as an increase in typhoid prevalence always points to the possibility of contamination of the water supply, it was decided on the suggestion of the president, to recommend to the city of Montreal to make a full investigation of their water supply, to determine if the time has not come either to purify the water by filtration previous to its distribution, or to give up entirely the St. Lawrence river water and bring water from the lakes or other sources above all suspicion.