

of consumptive emigrants, the importation of unhealthy articles of food, and undesirable freight such as rags, should all be placed under one responsible head to be controlled accordingly. He spoke also of the need of the Dominion of a bacteriological laboratory; at present we had to depend upon the United States, England, and even sometimes on Japan. Not long ago he had attended the meeting of a prominent medical association in the United States, where a gentleman read a paper on leprosy, announcing that he intended visiting Ottawa for the purpose of continuing his studies in the laboratory there on the same subject, and Dr. Roddick felt quite chagrined to have to inform that gentleman that there was no such institution at the Capital. He thought that such a laboratory should be erected and equipped by the Government without delay, be placed under a capable man, and then we would have a laboratory in our own country where the manufacturing of prophylactic serums could be carried on.

In replying to the requests of Dr. Roddick, Mr. Fisher thought that the main obstacle in the way was that public health in our scheme of Confederation was relegated to the provincial legislature, and thought that friction might arise between the Dominion and the various provincial health authorities. He, however, promised to consult medical men during recess and report at the next session of the House.

Sir Charles Tupper commended the proposal. Whilst the establishment of a Dominion Medical Council would go far towards bringing about the establishment of a Bureau of Public Health, he feared that such Council could only be obtained by the passing of Acts by the various legislatures, to be afterwards ratified by the central Government.

Dr. Roddick always considered that a Dominion Medical Council would act as a sort of adviser to the Dominion Government in sanitary matters and his movement in the direction of a Public Health Department is on a line with his proposed Bill for the establishment of such Council. It is to be hoped that he will become identified with both, and ultimately see success crown his labors.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE RECENT MEETING OF THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

It seems to be the general consensus of opinion that the meeting of the Ontario Medical Association for 1900 was one of the best, if not the best, ever held under the auspices of the Association. The papers were fully up to the standard of former years,