

limited extent of the province, and the ease with which quarantine could be established and maintained.

In all probability a Royal Commission will be appointed before Parliament prorogues.—COM.

A PROPOSED PROVINCIAL MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

There is newspaper talk that the Ontario Government has under consideration the proposal to appoint a Minister of Public health, and to place under his care the work of the provincial board of health, the administration of hospitals, asylums, sanatoria and charitable institutions, and the inspection of immigrants. This is something that will commend itself not only to the members of the medical profession but to the public generally. At present these interests are distributed among the various departments of the Government, and there is frequently lack of co-operation as a result. If brought together under the administration of a medical man of experience in his profession and of tried business capacity, there would be a great increase of efficiency and economy. Dr. Willoughby has been mentioned, and, indeed, no more creditable Minister for the new department could be found. He has the confidence of the profession.

THE many friends of the Medical Faculty will be glad to learn that the Trustees of the University have adopted a proposal to solicit endowment for the Chair of Anatomy. Subscribers to this fund will be entitled to the same nomination privileges as other subscribers to the general endowment. Forty thousand dollars is the sum required. If any generous friend will subscribe the whole or the greater part of this amount the Trustees will gladly distinguish the Chair by the name of the donor. The annual report of the Faculty will be found on another page of this issue. It gives evidence of substantial progress during the past year.