

appended to this report (memo. published in our issue of April), adding what explanations and remarks he deemed useful. Doctors R. W. Powell, George Elliott, Carleton Jones, J. B. Black, F. L. Schaffner and Wilbert McIntyre also joined in the discussion, insisting on all the chief arguments in favor of the establishment of a Federal Department of Public Health.

On the invitation of the Honorable Prime Minister, the Honorable Mr. Fisher addressed the delegation and told the Committee of the great interest the Government was taking in this most important question of centralizing, into one department, all of the various sanitary services, as recommended by such a competent body as the Canadian Medical Association. He mentioned that there were difficulties in starting the desired reform, but, however, ended his remarks by stating that, whatever the difficulties were, he was of opinion that the advantages the reform would bring would well compensate them.

The Honorable Premier thanked us for our presentation of the case, and assured us that our request would receive all due attention.

According to the instructions contained in the resolution adopted by the Association at its Halifax meeting in 1905, your Committee had printed all resolutions of the Association and reports of its committees relating to the question of a Federal Department of Public Health, and had copies distributed to the members of the Cabinet, the Senators and the members of the Commons, also to the medical periodicals and the medical societies in all the provinces of Canada. A copy of the pamphlet is annexed to this report. (Previously published.)

Before ending, I might mention that Dr. J. B. Black, a member of the Committee, has called the attention of the Parliament to this question and brought out a debate in the course of which he and other members of the Commons laid stress on the arguments for the establishment of a Public Health Department. The debate was adjourned, and when it will be resumed, we hope the Government will be in a position to express its views on this important question.

Allow me to thank you, in the name of my colleagues, for the confidence shown us in asking us to continue the work necessary to bring to a solution a question in which the Association takes so much interest, and which our predecessors in office have so earnestly and invariably so well handled.

On behalf of the Committee,

(Signed) E. P. LACHAPELLE, *Convener.*