

undertake this at present, as Parliament could not be expected at the present time to grant the very large sum of money which the work would require, and that all the Government could do now would be to make a commencement of the work of collecting. No one could dispute that under these circumstances it would be best to commence with the principal cities, whence, as the value of the returns obtained became manifest, the system could and would be extended to all parts of the country.

The delegates from Ontario and the Eastern Provinces were desirous that the Government should undertake, besides the collection of vital statistics, some other public health work, and take steps for the formation of a central bureau or board of health.

The following resolutions were eventually adopted :

*Resolved*,—That, in the opinion of the meeting, in order the better to prevent disease and preserve human life, it is advisable that the Dominion Government should organize and sustain a uniform system of vital statistics for the Dominion.

*Resolved*,—That, as immediate action is necessary, the Federal Government be invited to initiate at once a system of vital statistics where organized local boards of Health are established, so that the statistical information may be utilized by these bodies.

*Resolved*,—That, as Provincial legislative action is necessary, it is suggested to the Federal Government that it communicate with and secure the co-operation of the Provincial Government to pass such legislation as will harmonize with and obtain the object of the preceding resolutions.

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable that a central bureau of statistics be established, and if found to be within the province of the Federal Government, a comprehensive system of health returns.

*Resolved*,—That inasmuch as it appears by the British North American Act that matters of public health are delegated to the Local Government, this delegation has not included it with the subject of vital statistics ; nevertheless, they are of the opinion that it would have been better had it been under the direction of the Federal Government, and beg to suggest that an effort be made to obtain an amendment to the constitution in that direction.

Dr. Tache, at the close of the session, informed the deputation that he believed the Government would at once commence the collection of vital statistics in the capital cities of the Dominion, and all cities with a population of 25,000, and the appropriation of last session would probably be spent in furtherance of this object. The Hon. Mr. Pope entertained the delegates at dinner at the Russell House.

**ROGERS' GROUPS.**—One of the latest groups by this eminent artist is a Shakesperian one, and represents Othello, Desdemona, Cassio and Iago, at the time when the latter discovers Desdemona and Cassio in the garden together. and first excites Othello's suspicion by exclaiming : " Ha ! I like not that." Rogers' groups are now so well and favorably known both in the United States and Canada, for their natural perfection and artistic beauty, that they require scarcely a word from us in regard to their merits. They will form a most fitting Christmas present or New Year's gift, and become an heirloom in the family, a " thing of beauty and a joy for ever." See cut among advertisements.

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One of the most prominent physicians in Quebec has passed away at the age of 63 years. Dr. Russell, who died on the 7th of December, practiced his profession in the ancient capital for upwards of 40 years. His name was almost a household word, and he enjoyed the confidence alike of the public and the profession in the highest degree. He was an M.D. of Edinburgh and M.R.C.S. of England, having studied his profession for many years under Dr. Douglas, of Quebec, and having obtained the medals of Sir James Simpson in obstetrics and gynecology, and the Munro prize in anatomy, as well as various other distinguished prizes. He took a warm interest in matters relating to the welfare of the profession. He was an ex-President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec, and a Governor of that body for over thirty years. He was also an ex-President of the Quebec Medical Society, one of the originators of the Canada Medical Association, and was the first treasurer of that body. During the rebellion of 1837 he acted as surgeon to the celebrated loyal corps known as " Bell's Cavalry." He was an active, stirring character, who took a prominent share in the current events of his day. He was possessed of much originality, as well as great energy and independence of thought. His death is universally regretted, and leaves a blank which will not be easily filled. His brother, Dr. J. P. Russell, is one of the leading physicians of this city, and his son Dr. Henry Russell, of Quebec, is a worthy descendant of the good old stock.