

measure that could be submitted to the Federal authorities. This could be done either on the lines of the Ontario Bill or any others that might commend themselves.

Speaking, personally, I may say that I shall be only too glad to help in drafting such a measure and giving any other assistance in my power, for I am convinced that the adoption and carrying out of the provisions of a bill of this kind will do much to diminish the volume of sickness, pauperism, vice and crime that now stains the annals of our country and restore to lives of usefulness and self-respect many of those poor unfortunates whom it is the design of such a measure to control and help.

Before closing my address, I wish to express to our visiting brethren my appreciation of the kindly feeling and interest which have actuated them in taking part in the deliberations of our National Association, and to hope that their stay may be fruitful of pleasant reminiscences.

And now, gentlemen, I must thank you for your kind reception of me as your President this year, and for the patient and courteous hearing you have given to my remarks, and trust that the suggestions I have ventured to offer may meet with your approval and receive your support.