

profession has done its part of the work in arousing public sentiment and educating the public mind to action and has called attention to the communicability of this dread disease, but they cannot be asked to frame laws. This branch of work necessarily demands high intelligence, large experience and special legal training.

It is most desirable that legislation should be, as far as circumstances permit, of the same character in the various countries whose governments have awakened to a sense of their responsibility in the matter. Something has been done in the Dominion, but much more remains to be done both here and elsewhere.

The circular issued by the Congress and addressed to the members of the professions of law and medicine and others states the issues that concern preventive legislation as follows:—

(1) How far legislation can be devised that would arrest, avert or diminish mortality resulting from this disease. (2) How can the coming Congress devise means that will educate the public mind to the recognition of the imperative necessity of legislative action and devise its scope and field. (3) What legislation would be most likely to accomplish the desired result.

The work of the Congress has the recognition of the Government of the United States which has sent out invitations through the Secretary of State to other governments in the western hemisphere to send delegates to the Congress. We shall watch with interest what is done, and shall hope for helpful and practical suggestions for speedy legislation on this most important subject. Any suggestions that may occur to those who have studied this and kindred subjects would be welcomed by the Congress and receive due consideration.

TRUST COMPANIES.

Trust Companies have now been established for a quarter of a century in Canada; they have proved their usefulness and are well supported by the profession, but, as is pointed out by the author of "The Trust Company idea and its development" noticed in our review column, legislation has been tentative and experimental, and there is a danger that companies may be multiplied beyond the needs of the community, so that some may be compelled to depart from legitimate trustee business in order to make divi-