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But not read on that occasion.

Mr. President and Gentlemen :—

As Vice-President of the Canadian Medical Association for the Northwest Territories, and more especially for that portion of them comprising the three great Districts of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, extensive and widely separated regions which I have visited on many occasions, and in some of which I have for various periods resided during the last seven years and more : I have thought it might interest some of those present, to whom much relating to these Territories may be comparatively unknown, to hear from one who has enjoyed greater opportunities for acquiring such knowledge, what he has learned respecting,—

1st. The Indigenous diseases to which the aborigines were subject in their natural primitive condition.

2nd. The Contagious Zymotic diseases from which they have suffered so disastrously at the hands of their invaders ; and third, The Endemic diseases, with which we who have entered into and taken possession of their inheritance, have now, and will hereafter, increasingly have to contend.

During the years referred to, I have as many of you probably know, occupied the position of Senior Surgeon of the N. W. M. Police, a force numbering 1,000 men, detachments of which, many of them large, are now and have been for many years, stationed in almost every part of the Territories lying south of the Great Saskatchewan, and latterly to some extent, in the Province of British Columbia also; that is roughly speaking, over an expanse of country extending from Banff, where we now stand, somewhere in the neighborhood of the 116th Meridian of West longitude, to the Western boundary of Manitoba, upwards of 700 miles to the Eastward ; and from Fort Saskatchewan on the great Northern river of that name, in about 54 degrees of North latitude, to the International Boundary