

Dr. Yeomans further moved, seconded by Dr. Covernton: That the Provincial Board of Health, then assembled, desires to draw the attention of the American Public Health Association to the rumors circulated through newspapers, to the effect that cases of cholera have been reported in the New York Official Bulletin as measles; and also, that articles of clothing packed in Palermo and exposed to cholera infection, have been distributed at various points in the country, without having been subjected to disinfection at New York. In view of the fact that such reports create uneasiness and apprehensions of danger in the public mind, this Board requests the Provincial delegates to bring the matter to the notice of the meeting of the American Public Health Association at Memphis, on 8th instant, in order that enquiries be in-

stituted, and the accuracy of said reports ascertained.—Carried.

Dr. MacDonald thereafter moved, seconded by Dr. Cassidy: That the report of the committee on epidemics be received and adopted, and that the committee be instructed to draw up a form of regulations to be forwarded to municipalities in relation to milk supplies and milk inspections, with recommendations for the adoption of said regulations.—Carried.

Dr. Oldright appeared before the Board and thanked it for its kindness in appointing him its delegate to Memphis. The Chairman stated that the opinion was unanimous, that none could more worthily represent the Province at the meeting of the Association.

STATE MEDICINE.

OUTBREAKS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Typhoid at Vienna Hygiene Congress.

M. Brouardel, Paris, addressed the Congress on typhus abdominalis. He said it is far more dangerous to man than cholera and that it is still an open question whether it owes its origin to the decomposition of organic matter, or whether it is a specific virus. His opinion that in eighty cases out of one hundred it is caused from polluted water, is borne out by the experiences of Vienna when typhoid has entirely disappeared since the town has been supplied with pure water. In this connection it is of interest to note that the congress was an eminent success, having brought together some 3000 delegates. The next meeting will be in London 1891.

Chamberland discussed the statistics of anthrax inoculations and contended that the practical results therefrom, showed the wisdom of governmental support in extending the practice in France.

The Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria, in his address of welcome to the Congress, said:—

“Man is the most precious capital of the State and of society in general, every life presents a certain value. Whatever means may be at our disposal to protect our own individual welfare left to ourselves we are powerless in the face of the general injurious influences with which nature surrounds us on all sides. Looking over the papers

which will be read at this Congress, we recognize with astonishment that the science of which you, gentlemen, are such devoted disciples comprises every phase of social life.”

OUTBREAKS IN THE UNITED STATES.

New York.

Professor Sternberg describes, the ceremony of disinfection at the New York Quarantine, as witnessed by himself in September last, while on a vessel coming from Brazil. I asked the ship's surgeon to go with me to inspect, when, after a detention of less than an hour, we started from the quarantine station for our wharf. We found that the man with the jug had lowered a bucket of water by means of a rope through one of the hatches between the decks. On pulling up this bucket I found that it contained two or three pounds of some powder which had been wet, probably with acid solution, and which gave off an odor of chlorine. No doubt when first lowered between decks there had been an evolution of chlorine, but in the vast space to be disinfected, it was so diluted that at the end of an hour I did not detect the odor of chlorine gas when I lifted the hatch. The most curious part of the story is that I was informed that the bucket had been lowered to disinfect a quantity of hides stored in the hold. What was the object of this disinfection?