

Well, let me say to-night that the medical men of Canada for years past have been endeavoring to impress upon the minds of the public men of Canada, the importance of public health study, so as to guide and direct the health of the people, not of any one province, but of the entire Dominion, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. We felt there was no subject to-day which should engross the attention and careful observation of those in charge of the government of our country more than the establishment here in the Capital of Canada of a Bureau of Public Health. (Applause.) We know perfectly well that the importance of this subject has been impressed upon the minds of the public men in the American Republic, and I trust the day is not far distant when those who guide and direct the interests of this country will see that it is incumbent upon them to take into serious consideration the formation of a Bureau of Public Health, to give the people of Canada an adequate return for the exercise of mental and physical power exercised in the development of the best interests of Canada. (Applause.)

One other point is this, and I am sure you will agree with me: Sanitary science as a whole has done a great deal for our people. We know the mind exerts a powerful influence over the body. When the mind is healthy, we also have a healthy body; and when we see now in every public demonstration in the great American Republic, as well as in the Dominion of Canada, the two flags, American and British, blended together, it is an indication of the happiness and prosperity of our people; and you may rely upon it, that if the health of our people is directed along this course, it is evidence of a condition which I trust will long continue.

I am extremely pleased and gratified that so many members of the learned professions have come to Canada in order to see what kind of people we are. You may rest assured that while you are here we will extend to you a hearty welcome, not only to this Province, but to every portion of it, as indicated by the worthy Minister of Agriculture who has preceded me. And to the gentlemen from Mexico, I trust that great country, which we know takes an important interest in sanitary science, as well as in other sciences, let me say that I hope this is not the last time that we shall have an opportunity of welcoming them to Canada. We wish you a happy sojourn here, and a safe return to your homes. May this visit to our Dominion be one that will make a deep impression, not only upon the people of Canada, but Mexico and the neighboring Republic in the advocacy of the subject of sanitary science, which is so intimately associated with, the welfare of the people of this world. (Loud applause.)