

On all sides it was quite apparent that the idea of reorganization was paramount, and that it was time that a start be made towards putting the Association upon a properly organized basis. Towards this end a Special Committee was appointed, consisting of a member from each province, with Dr. McPhedran as chairman. This committee made an interim report, and will continue to act, and will make requests for suggestions as to the best methods to adopt, and will no doubt have much valuable material for a report for the next annual meeting. Some of the suggestions already made are: incorporation, the publishing of a journal, additional sections, an increased membership fee, permanent membership. A start has been made, and it is to be hoped that the entire profession will take a deep interest in the matter and co-operate heartily with the committee in attaining the desired end.

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The question of a Department of Public Health for the Dominion remains as it was last year. Nothing has been secured other than the ratification by the Minister of Agriculture that he agrees with the spirit of the movement. The Special Committee on this matter, which was appointed after the Montreal meeting, and consisted of Dr. R. W. Powell, Ottawa (convener), Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, and Dr. T. G. Roddick, Montreal, on their own request were discharged, and a new and larger, with power to add to their number, appointed, with Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, of Montreal, as convener. It is an important question, and it is to be hoped that the new committee will be able to more successfully prosecute the campaign.

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According to the reports of the Registrar-General for Ontario, there seems to have been more than the usual amount of whooping-cough throughout the province during the month of August. Whooping-cough is one of those diseases of supposed bacterial origin, but of which as yet there is no