

for surmounting the difficulties. And why? Because the Government, it is supposed, had given a good deal of time to the consideration of these matters, and believed Legislation upon them was required by the country—was essential to its prosperity and well-being; and moreover, the people demanded it. But it appears very difficult indeed to induce either Ministers or people to give that attention to matters affecting Public Health which such matters actually demand, and which would develop a lively knowledge of their magnitude, and lead to decided action and legislation upon them. Is there a man in Parliament or out of it, who has given even a moderate amount of attention to the subject of Public Health, who will say that any one measure that engaged the attention of Parliament last session,—any Bill that received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General, will benefit the country as much as would a measure for laying the foundation for a complete Sanitary Organization, and so lead to thorough Sanitary Reform?

In the SANITARY JOURNAL for March, it was shown, from reliable estimates, that by means of Sanitary Legislation—by the practical carrying out of good Public Health Laws, the Dominion might be saved annually, besides an incalculable amount of misery and grief, about thirty millions of dollars and thirty thousand lives. And the cost of this would be comparatively small; not so much probably as would be the cost of attracting and bringing into the Dominion of thirty thousand immigrants. Now, if these estimates and figures approximated the truth, it may very naturally be asked how shall the country secure such legislation, and such laws, and that right soon? While there is no reason that we know of why the Government of a country should wait for the people to demand any particular legislation before taking action in the direction of it, if the Government believes such legislation would be beneficial to the country, there are very good and obvious reasons why the people if they desire it should request and urge action on the part of the Government if the latter proves to be dilatory and inactive—in short, demand the legislation they desire,