

Proceedings of Societies.

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND A FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

RESOLUTION RE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

At the thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, the largest and most representative meeting of the Canadian medical profession up to that time, and which was held in the city of Montreal on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of September, 1902, the following resolution was proposed by Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, Montreal, and seconded by Dr. J. R. Jones, of Winnipeg.

Whereas, public health, with all that is comprised in the term sanitary science, has acquired great prominence in all civilized countries; and

Whereas, enormously practical results have been secured to the community at large, by the creation of Health Departments under governmental supervision and control; and

Whereas, greater authority and usefulness are given to health regulations and suggestions when they emanate from an acknowledged governmental department;

Therefore be it Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Canadian Medical Association, now in session, the time is opportune for the Dominion Government to earnestly consider the expediency of creating a separate department of public health, under one of the existing Ministers, so that regulations, suggestions and correspondence, on such health matters as fall within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, may be issued with the authority of a Department of Public Health. That copies of this be sent by the General Secretary to the Governor-General-in-Council and to the Honorable Minister of Agriculture.

This resolution was strongly supported by Dr. T. G. Roddick, M.P., the Honorable Senator Sullivan, Kingston, and other prominent and influential members of the Association, and carried unanimously.

The President of this Association, Dr. Walter H. Moorhouse, of London, Ontario, then appointed the following Special Committee to take the matter in hand and report at the annual meeting, which was held in London, Ontario, on the 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th days of August, 1903: Dr. R. W. Powell, Ottawa (Convener); Dr. T. G.