

may be inferior and whose appointment may have been the price of some political favour? Why cannot our health officers, like our military and naval officers, be removed from petty political influences? Why should not this continent benefit in its maintenance of health by the highest scientific ability? Why should commerce receive more adequate protection than public health? Finally, Ottawa's epidemics, and all outbreaks of like proportion, must remain in their consequences a national and international menace *for years to come.*

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