

HISTORICAL RECORD.

In 1898, on a petition of eighty medical men of the City of Toronto, a public meeting was called; presided over by the Mayor, which issued in the formation of the Toronto Citizens' Sanatorium Committee.

After a series of educative and tentative meetings and statements, appeals to the City Council and to the public, a definite line of policy, seeking the co-operation of Government, municipality and the people, had grown into matured form and was placed before the public in a paper read before the Canadian Medical Association in August, 1899.

On the 7th of March, 1900, a large deputation waited upon the Government, asking for legislation whereby this policy could be inaugurated and made to cover the province.

On the 27th of March, the annual meeting of the Citizens' Sanatorium Committee, to which other interested citizens were invited, was held in City Hall, where it was determined to form a Toronto Association for the Prevention and Treatment of Consumption and other Forms of Tuberculosis, with a view to a Canadian Association to cover the Dominion. A Provisional Committee was appointed to frame a constitution and secure a membership.

On the 5th of April the first reading of the Stratton Sanatorium Act, on the lines asked for by the above deputation, took place with the unanimous consent of both sides of the House. The second reading occurred on the 11th of the same month. The Bill was greatly improved in the committee of the whole House, on the suggestion of the Hon. J. R. Stratton, and finally passed into law during the first week of May.

On the 23rd day of April the Association was fully organized in a meeting held in the theatre of the Normal School, on the basis of the constitution as published.

The inaugural meeting was held on the 8th of May, and business meetings have been held every week since.