

length, it would seem that only about twenty-five papers can be heard, and the President and Vice-Presidents of the sections will have a delicate matter before them in asking for papers and in determining what shall be read in full and what by title. It is here worthy of note that all papers read before the Association become its property; and must in the first place be offered to the *British Medical Journal* for publication. Invitations to the leading members of the profession in the United States have already been forwarded.

We are glad to state that by an order in council the Provincial Government has subscribed \$2,000 to the purposes of the Association. Thus, altogether, through the public spirit of the Dominion Government, the Provincial Government and the Municipal Government of Montreal, \$10,000 has been granted towards the coming meeting.

While several of the leading citizens have of their own free will offered pecuniary aid, it has been, after mature debate, considered advisable not to beg subscriptions from the general public, though aid in other directions will be gladly received. It has however, been thought well to obtain from members of the profession a guarantee fund. The meeting is being financed with great care and it is certain that this fund will be scarce drawn upon.

We note in the number of the *British Medical Journal* for April 17th, just to hand, a short editorial upon the cost of last year's meeting at Carlisle. After paying all out-goings there remains a balance in hand of £30+ 18s. 2d., giving a return of 10s. in the pound to the guarantors and still leaving in hand a sum sufficient to defray certain gratuities and acknowledgements of personal services which the local committee desired to make. Excluding these, the cost of the meeting to the members of the Border Counties Branch was considerably under £200, though the meeting was eminently successful, as already mentioned in these pages; indeed, our "British" contemporary quotes our words of commendation. We certainly cannot expect to conduct the meeting at so singularly low a rate; the cost of cabling and of correspondence with the Council must alone be a considerable item; but there is no reason why our meeting should cost more than ten times as much as that of Carlisle, however profuse be our hospitality. We are glad to announce that the citizens of Montreal are coming nobly to our aid, and that Sir Donald Smith, foremost as ever in good works, has already invited the members of the Association and its guests to a reception at 1157 Dorchester street upon the evening of Wednesday, September 1st. The Golf Club has also thrown open its links to members of the Association during the meeting. Others, again, are offering entertainments.