

number of replies have been received from those in Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia, fully and cordially concurring in the plan and the action taken in Ottawa, and expressing strong hopes that the plan would soon be carried into effect by the Government, and hardly any changes whatever have been suggested.

Though not one word, so far as we can learn, has been brought up against the plan adopted, it has been said that it might have been better if the Public Health Committee of the Canada Medical Association had been consulted before any action were taken. On the other hand the medical men in the Senate and Commons feel that the initiative ought properly to be in their hands; while a large proportion of the Public Health Committee have fully concurred, individually, in the action taken. It was time for some further action to be taken by some one, and the perfect right of any one man, or any body of men must be conceded to go to the Government and ask for anything he or they may deem wise and good, and without being regarded as showing discourtesy to any others, and it was certainly better to have a plan adopted by so representative a body of medical men as were present at the meeting to present to the Public Health Committee, in order to get their views, than the plan of any one man. No action could possibly be taken by the Government until there would be plenty of time for such views to be forwarded, and the Committee appointed by the late meeting to wait upon the Government would be glad and ready at any time to bring any views or suggestions of the Committee, collectively or individually, relating to the plan, before the Government. These views and suggestions, as above stated, were at once asked for by the Committee appointed by the meeting. We have no reason to believe that there

was a medical man at the meeting who did not entertain a feeling of loyalty toward the Canada Medical Association, and desired the views, and to act upon the views, of the Public Health Committee of that Association, but the exclusive right of that Committee to first bring forward or take the initiative could not be conceded, especially as it is not a Committee on Legislation.

#### RECENT SANITARY PROCEEDINGS.

On Thursday, March 20, a deputation of over thirty medical practitioners, aldermen, and other members of the Quebec Sanitary Association, visited Ottawa for the purpose of presenting a memorial to the Minister of Agriculture on matters affecting the public health, including the urging upon the Government the desirability of establishing a central Health Bureau at the Capital for the collection of disease reports, and generally concurring in the action taken by the meeting in Ottawa on the 4th March, and in the interests of their Sanitary Association recently organized. Owing to the illness of Mr. Pope, the deputation were received by Mr. Lowe, Secretary of the Department, who heard the representations made, gave the deputation satisfactory encouragement and promised to favorably report to the Minister. The members of the deputation were accompanied by local medical men and members of Parliament.

In the evening a conference was held in the Railway Committee Room of the House of Commons, which was attended by the delegates, members of Parliament, and local medical men. Dr. Desaulniers, M.P., presided, and Dr. Playter acted as secretary.

An interesting discussion took place, of more than two hours' duration, regarding the best means of promoting measures in the best interests of the health