

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE of the Canada Medical Association appointed for this year are, Drs. Youmans, Grant, LaRocque, Botsford, Covernton, Playter, Harding, Robillard, Oldright, Parker, Bryce and Kittson. After the association meeting, many of the members of this committee, amongst whom were Drs. Covernton, Oldright and Playter, and also Dr. Worthington and others of the committee of last year, met to consider the question of a Dominion health bureau. The plan which had been sent in by the chairman of the committee of last year, (in his report) referred to above, and prepared by Dr. Harding, was discussed for some time, but it did not seem to meet the views of those present, and as no other plan was submitted no action whatever was taken.

CANADIAN SANITARY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this association formed last year at Kingston, was called for Tuesday evening, the 26th August, inst., in Montreal, but we understand there were not enough members present to form a quorum and that nothing was done. This seems somewhat strange, seeing that the secretary resides in that city and much the larger number of members too reside there, it appears, and also that quite a number of the medical members from outside Montreal were in the city at the time. The president of the association, Dr. Sweetland, of Ottawa, from a member of his family not being well, was unable to be present. It is to be regretted that a number of prominent sanitarians had been previously forced to withdraw their interest in the association.

THE CHAIRMAN of the Ontario Board of Health at its last meeting read a report on epidemics, in which he alluded to the absorptive powers of milk, and the dangers arising therefrom. He gave instances of outbreaks of typhoid fever and other infectious diseases which had been directly traceable to this source.

THE ONTARIO BOARD OF HEALTH have adopted certain regulations in reference to quarantines and isolation in relation to cholera. As soon as danger becomes

imminent the Board will ask for a grant to be set apart by the government sufficient to enable the board to pay a medical executive officer in each town in the province, and to meet the expenses incurred in taking precautions against the spread of the epidemic.

PURE ANIMAL VACCINE, always fresh and reliable, propagated in direct and unbroken succession from the spontaneous cases of Cow Pox which occurred at Longue Pointe in November 1877, may be obtained from Dr. Bessie, Montreal. Dr. Bessie has bestowed much attention on the cultivation of pure vaccine, and in his National vaccine establishment has supplied a want in Canada. Such an enterprise is of national importance and one in which the government should take an interest.

APROPOS to the paper recently read at Montreal by the editor of this JOURNAL, relating to physicians being paid for advice on matters of hygiene, is the following from a recent number of the *Orillia Packet*: It is noticeable that among the most active members of Orillia's excellent Board of Health are three medical men, and at all times here physicians are foremost in adopting and advising sanitary precautions. It was lately said that the physician of the future will be employed to keep his patients well, rather than to restore them to health. But indeed the advance in medical science during the past twenty years has been so rapid that this is largely true of the physician of to-day, excepting that this most important part of his duties is entirely a labour of love. Few people have as yet been educated up to the point of recognizing the doctor's right to be compensated for teaching the public how to avoid disease.

TORONTO'S SANITARY STATE.—“W. C.”, in *The Week*, writes, “There is urgent demand for placing the city in a proper condition with regard to filling up wells, construction of sewers on the streets, and drainage of private premises. “W. C.” might well have added and for the closing up or abolishing of all privies. The re-