

literature of the day, thereby adding to the knowledge of the profession throughout the world.

That this meeting will be one of great interest and instruction to us all I am confident; the presence of so many men of eminence in the profession assures its success.

Again, in the name of the medical profession of British Columbia, I beg to extend our most hearty and cordial welcome to our visitors.

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### CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, VANCOUVER, AUGUST 23 TO 26, 1904.—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

*To the President and Members of the Canadian Medical Association:*

Gentlemen,—Your committee in charge of the question of the establishment of a Department of Public Health by the Dominion Government, have the honor to report that the matter has, to a certain extent, been in abeyance since our meeting at London last year. At that meeting, you will recollect, we reported certain interviews with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture, at which we were led to understand that it was not feasible for the Government to give us any assurance that our wishes in the matter could be practically considered. The resolutions again passed at London, pressing the subject on the attention of the Government as one closely associated with the country's welfare and best interests, were duly forwarded to the Dominion authorities.

It was also pointed out to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture by the Convener of your committee that the medical profession were united in their desire to have such a department created, and that they were only actuated in the matter by motives of patriotism, feeling assured that the administration of public health in matters pertaining to the Dominion Government would be greatly facilitated and rendered more useful and satisfactory if it emanated from a central department, instead of having a series of branches having executive authority scattered through a number of departments of the Government.