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According to accounts received from England, the steamship companies are already finding an active demand for berths in connection with the coming meeting, and the boats journeying direct to Canada are rapidly being filled. At this rate we ought soon to be able to estimate approximately the number of visitors coming from the Old Country.

Since our last issue the list of officers has been completed, Dr. Herman M. Biggs, of New York, having accepted the invitation of the Council to deliver the address in Public Medicine. No better choice could have been made, for Dr. Biggs is the scientific head of the most progressive and best conducted health department upon this continent, that of the City of New York; and to his endeavours are largely due the foremost position attained by it. We may safely predict that his address will be one of the features of the meeting.

The Canadian officers of the various sections are now fully engaged in drawing up the provisional programme of each section, and in a very short time we shall be able to announce the general discussions which are to take place and the names of the leaders of these discussions, together with a list of those who have promised papers. Here the various sections find themselves in most cases confronted with a difficulty, that even with the best wishes in the world it will be difficult to give a hearing to all those who desire to read papers before the Association. We may take it in general each section will be in session for altogether not more than twelve hours; at a minimum four hours will be devoted in each section to general discussions. This leaves eight hours for the reading of papers and for the discussions which may arise out of individual papers. Thus, even though no one is allowed to read a paper exceeding a quarter of an hour in