

the unanimous desire of the medical profession of Montreal, has decided to give his serious attention to health affairs and to put the Board of Health on a scientific basis. He has already called together those connected with the health department to discuss and learn the powers of the Board, and he is to call a meeting of the Board of Health for Thursday next in order to take cognizance of and discuss things relating to each department of the local health bureau, viz: vaccination, inspection of vital statistics, management of small-pox hospital, etc., etc. Reports to be made once a month to the Board of Health.

It is proposed to publish weekly a report of the death rate, with remarks, to be distributed to the different cities of the Dominion, and to some of the principal cities of the United States. The object being to interest Toronto, Quebec, Ottawa, Halifax, and other cities, in this sanitary movement, and induce the Mayors and Sanitarians to unite, in order to organize Boards of Health, and prepare such provincial legislation as would promote public health. Also to decide the Federal Government to establish a Bureau of Sanitary Science and Vital Statistics.

To insure success I would especially call the attention of the medical profession of Ontario, and request them to kindly join us in this very useful work. The sanitary cause has many able advocates amongst our confreres here, and who promised not to be idle.

The annual report on the health of the city will be completed in about three weeks. I shall not fail to forward it to you, with such other information as I may think interesting to your important journal.

I remain, dear doctor,

Your devoted confrere,

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Health Officer.

Montreal. 13th April, 1875.