

good, but suggested that they might have gone one step further, and have advised an amendment to the British North America Act, whereby the Dominion Government might take up matters connected with public health.

The question was asked whether, at present, questions of public health in connection with immigrant inspection, the sanitary conduct of factories, the adulteration of food, and other like matters, could not be taken up by the Dominion. Sir Charles replied that they could, but that the bulk of health matters affected civil rights, which, by the Act, was left to the Provincial Legislatures.

On the retirement of Sir Charles, the following resolution was moved by Dr. Campbell and carried:—

Resolved, that, inasmuch as it appears by the British North America Act matters of public health are relegated to the Local Governments, this delegation has not included it with the subject of vital statistics; nevertheless, they are of opinion that it would have been better had it been placed under the direction of the Federal Government, and beg to suggest that an effort be made to obtain an amendment to the constitution in that direction.

Dr. Oldright pointed out that the Local Governments and the Municipalities were so intimately connected in such questions as drainage, reclaiming of marshes, water works, etc., that it was admitted on all hands that the Provincial Governments must deal with them, and that it would be well that this co-operation in matters of public health should not appear to have been overlooked in the resolution.

At this moment, the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture entered, accompanied by Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. Mr. Caron.

Ald. Mooney then called upon the Secretary, Dr. Farrell, to read the resolution.

Sir Charles Tupper made a few remarks in support of the resolutions, but added

that there would have to be co-operation by the Provincial Governments.

Hon. Mr. Pope replied favourably, that the subject was an important one, and that the Government would have to act carefully, but would give the matter its best attention.

Hon. Mr. Caron also addressed the meeting, and bespoke for this important matter the careful attention of the Minister of Agriculture.

The latter gentleman, in response to a vote of thanks, said it was he who had to thank gentlemen who came such a distance to advise on the matter.

At one o'clock, many of the gentlemen met again at the Russell House, to carry out a suggestion of Mr. F. Boxer, C.E., for the formation of a sanitary association.

Dr. Taché attended and read the sketch of a plan which had met with the approval of the Minister, and which provided that the collection of vital statistics should be commenced immediately, and should at first be limited to the capitals of the various Provinces and all cities having a population of more than 25,000, on condition that those various places should have regularly organized local boards of health and a medical health officer. The legislative grant to be apportioned out, each such city receiving a certain amount, according to population; one-fourth of such amount to supplement the salary of the health officer.

Ald. Mooney was obliged to leave for home, and Dr. Playter offered to relieve him of his duties as chairman. Ald. Mooney accepted the offer, and put it to the meeting, which also accepted it. The meeting then adjourned to a later hour, when those who were present formed themselves into a provisional committee, and instructed the chairman and secretary to draw up a constitution.

In the evening, the remaining delegates took their departure.

Dr. J. Burdon Sanderson, F.R.S., has been elected to the Waynflete Professorship of Physiology at Oxford.