

prove to the satisfaction of the Commission if appointed, that Asiatic Cholera had been imported into Canada, and had been transmitted throughout the length and breadth of the land, by and through persons infected at the Grosse Isle Quarantine Station.

Three gentlemen were appointed to investigate and report, and were empowered to examine witnesses under oath. The Commission was composed of two medical gentlemen of high professional standing, and an eminent lawyer—since a judge. They entered zealously upon their duties and their report confirmed in every particular the charges brought by Dr. Marsden against the Quarantine authorities. This document, which is now in the possession of the Federal Government, is one of the most able and valuable reports ever composed on this subject; the publication of which, even now, would greatly tend to the advancement of sanitary science."

Then followed a series of suggestions as to the manner of collecting Sanitary Statistics, somewhat similar to those given by Dr. Geo. A. Baynes in his evidence before the Committee of the Local Legislature of Quebec last year, which were adopted.

"The Government should appoint qualified statisticians, whose duty it shall be to receive the monthly returns of the health officers, or other persons appointed to send said returns, and to compare, examine, tabulate, and report on the foregoing returns, and issue them from a central Bureau of Sanitary Statistics at Ottawa; the duties of which shall be the exclusive collection of such statistics as would attain the required object.

The result of the establishment of such a bureau would furnish authentic tabulated statements of the health of the Dominion, which would be circulated everywhere, and would be a thorough stimulant to Sanitary Science, educating people in the laws for preserving life.

The mortality of the City of London may be cited as a further proof of the value of sanitary legislation, where the mortality has been reduced from 42 per 1000 when the population was only 530,000, to 22 per 1000, at the present time, with a population of 3,000,000. Moreover, in twenty-five towns in England,