

officers were elected:—President, Dr. Wilson, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Vice-President, Dr. Sheenan, St. Catharines; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. N. Walker, Niagara Falls. Following the meeting the visiting physicians were entertained by the staff of Welland County Hospital.

Professor Ramsay Wright in addressing the International Council of Women on the subject of heredity, said: "Statistics show that the fertility of the drunkard, the insane, the criminal is higher than the normal birth rate. This is serious, indeed. Many prominent naturalists have said that it would be better to allow nature to take her course and thus weed out those with an abnormal craving for drink, leaving only a race of strong people, capable of withstanding temptation, rather than to introduce prohibition. This latter method, though a shorter way of getting rid of liquor, does not destroy the craving. Tuberculosis, or the root for the disease, insanity, criminal tendencies and other diseases were also transmitted by heredity, he said. Marriage regulation, affecting criminals, habitual drunkards, those having mental trouble, and men and women infected with transmissible chronic disease, was the only sure method of putting a stop to the conveyance through marriage of these disturbances which have created so much trouble."

#### QUEBEC.

Dr. Ridly MacKenzie, of Montreal, is having a holiday in Scotland.

Dr. T. G. Roddick, of Montreal, is in poor health, and is spending the summer in Europe.

A citizen of Montreal has given \$125,000 towards a sanatorium for tuberculosis.

Drs. Shepherd and Birkett, of Montreal, are in Britain, and will likely take in the Congress at Budapest.

The following interesting extract is taken from Dr. Charlton's article in *The Montreal Medical Journal*:

"This piece of early history of the growth and development of hospital work and medical education is worthy of note.

Two of the most important events in its medical history had already taken place in Montreal. The establishment of the first English hospital—the Montreal General Hospital—and the first medical school—the Montreal Medical Institute.

The hospital had now been in existence for ten years, and during these years it gave ample promise of the ultimate high position it was to occupy not only in Montreal but throughout the whole of Canada. With what pride must its little band of faithful workers have watched its growing usefulness. The first addition to the hospital was a wing added in 1832 in memory of its first President, the Hon. John Richardson, as one of Montreal's oldest and most respected citizens. It was