

Q. I do not know of any myself, but I did not know but what there were?

—A. I think they depend upon the applicant's word.

Q. And charge a premium accordingly?—A. Quite.

Q. Then you think that you could get this subject brought before the medical profession?—A. Oh, easily.

Q. It would not be necessary to issue you copies of the Bill all over the country; the idea is known, but we would like—I certainly would—to have resolutions passed by those various associations giving their opinion as to whether such a Bill ought to be passed, and if so, as to the proper contents of such a Bill, and the best means of attaining the object; as you say, almost everybody believes, if it is possible to prevent syphilitics from marrying, they should be prevented; and of course the trouble is to find the best means of reaching that end; while we here might have one idea, the medical profession all over might have another, and we would like to get their views, and would be obliged if you, as the president of the Canadian Medical Association, would undertake to see that this subject is brought before the profession generally, and so tell us what we had better do in order to have it so broached?—A. Well, if, after you have discussed this thoroughly, you would communicate with me some time before the 12th of June, I can bring it before the Council of the Canadian Medical Association at Charlottetown.

Q. You see, doctor, that when Parliament prorogues our Committees all disappear, they are non-existent, and anything that we could do at this end has to be done before Parliament prorogues, which may be this coming Saturday week, though we cannot tell; but anything we do must be done pretty suddenly?—A. Well, if it is not done this session we could see that it is done another.

Q. But we have to report back this Bill.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. What would you think, doctor, of sending you the minutes of proceedings of this Committee, a sufficient number of copies for you to transmit to the different provincial organizations? Would it be too long a document? We have heard Dr. Bates and Dr. Hincks and yourself?—A. I should not think so.

Q. I think it would be a matter of about an hour to read it all through; or would you rather think that in the report made to the Senate by this Committee we should summarize?—A. I think perhaps it would be better to summarize. Committees, as you know, sometimes get tired, and if you would send a summary and let me have about thirty copies, I think that would be best.

Q. You are of opinion that without the full co-operation of the medical profession throughout the country a statute, whatever it is, in this connection, would be a dead letter?—A. I am afraid it would be.

Q. I think it has also been the experience in Wisconsin that in the first place they had not taken the trouble to secure the co-operation of the medical profession, and it was only a few years after that the profession came around, and then they made a survey, as it were, of the medical men of the State, and secured from them an opinion, and a very large proportion answered that the law was working very satisfactorily; this is the law which is not so stringent, that requires only a medical examination?—A. Yes, sir, that is right.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: And only among the males?

The CHAIRMAN: Only among the males, yes.

*By Hon. Mr. Daniel:*

Q. Doctor, you are quite in keeping with the idea of the Bill?—A. Yes, the principle is good.