

*Restriction of Immigration.*

The Chairman recommended the following resolution: That the Conference approves of the decision by the Government to appoint medical men to inspect emigrants at the port of departure, and trusts that more stringent measures will be taken with a view to preventing consumptive patients landing on these shores.

This motion was carried, but a discussion ensued in connection with a suggestion made by Dr. Makgill that the following should be added to the resolution: Provided that it be a recommendation that legislation should be adopted whereby the Minister of Public Health should have power, on the recommendation of the Chief Health Officer, to admit to the Dominion early cases of tuberculosis under such conditions of probation (*i.e.*, admission to a sanatorium for six months' treatment) as he may direct, so long as the patient shall undergo such probationary period at his own cost.

Both Drs. Makgill and Blackmore were of opinion that if a man had a good chance of recovery by coming to the Dominion it was scarcely humane to prohibit his admission, and that only those cases who were likely to become a charge on the country or who had no chance of recovery should be excluded.

The Chairman replied that the Minister already had power to allow a patient to land, provided such patient had means of support. Dr. Makgill considered the legislation very vague, and would like it made clearer that the Minister had such power.

In view of the fact that the Minister already had power to admit those persons who were not likely to become a charge on the rates of the Dominion Dr. Makgill's motion was negatived.

*Sterilization of Consumptive Patients.*

After a short discussion it was resolved, That this Conference is of opinion that sterilization of tubercular persons is unjustifiable.

The following motion, proposed by Dr. Blackmore and seconded by Dr. Hardwick-Smith, was carried: That it is of vital importance to the success of the movement that the campaign against tuberculosis should be carried on by uniform and concerted action throughout the whole Dominion. That, with a view to secure such action, the local authorities be urged to combine whenever necessary to enable the chief measures which have been recommended by this Conference to be carried into effect—viz., the search for early cases; the proper treatment of cases amenable to treatment; the removal from their homes to suitable institutions of those persons suffering from consumption who are unable to take the precautions necessary to prevent the spread of the disease; the education of the public; the after-care of persons who have been under treatment for consumption.

A further resolution, moved by Dr. Blackmore and seconded by Dr. Lyth, was also carried: That in the event of failure to secure such unity of action the Government be urged to take over complete control of the tuberculosis campaign, and, if considered advisable, to recover the cost of administration from the various Hospital Boards.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

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