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few cents which he contributes and both parties would be better off. It is always better to receive a few cents than it is to run up a debt of several dollars.

Q. Would you be able to include any extra benefits in this scheme beyond the ordinary medical benefit for the man? Would it be possible for you to include his family? A. I think it would be very desirable to include the family, like all schemes of this nature it would be very much involved and would require a great deal of working out.

Q. If it became a State service then obviously you would have to provide it for the man and his family? A. Yes, I quite agree.

Q. Dr. Mary Blacklock) Your plan would be either to start an experimental health insurance in a limited area, or to obtain the necessary advice from someone who has ^{experience of the systems elsewhere} ~~done it before~~. A. Yes, I would like the experiment I stage and the advice.

Q. You have very strong opinions as to the control you should have over the sanitary work in Belize? A. Throughout the colony.

Q. Right throughout the colony. In what regard do you feel your powers are inadequate. A. The present system provides for Local Boards which are given entire control over sanitation in their respective districts. The district medical officers were made ex-officio members of the local boards with a view to controlling sanitary matters but it frequently happens that when a suggestion is put before these boards the other members will, sometimes for political reasons and sometimes for purely personal reasons, turn down the suggestion of the medical officer. He then just lifts his hands and says 'what more can I do! What is the good of worrying'. As you know in the nineteenth century it was realised in the United Kingdom that lay control of technical subjects was undesirable. We have now passed legislation which will come into force on the 1st of January next giving the medical officers complete control over sanitation. There will be an advisory Board attached to the medical department which will be entirely responsible for the sanitation of the colony and it will no longer be left to the local boards in their areas.

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Q. These boards of which you speak are they self-governing schemes? A. They are merely municipal boards.

Q. If you have complete control what would you insist upon doing with regard to health work. Will these municipal boards still be expected to foot the bill? A. Not necessarily, things like scavenging will come under the medical department in 1939, they are at present under the local boards.

Q. Why is there any objection from the boards? Is it on account of the money? A. I really don't know. It is a difficult question to solve.

A. I think that is all I have to ask you. Thank you.

The Chairman Now Dr. Cheverton if you would remain for a few moments there are some questions we would like to ask you in private.

That is the end of the public hearing for today. The next public hearing will be at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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