

three other excellent young men of the city, being drowned by the capsizing of a yacht in Lake Champlain.

Dr. Bowker had his office in little St. James Street, near the Gas office, a narrow street, only half its present width and mostly occupied by dwellings. Elliot was where the Citizens Insurance Co. is, but sold out to VanBuskirk, in 1856, and Dickinson was nearly opposite Dollard Lane. There were but four stores in St. James Street. Many of the merchants lived over their stores in St. Paul Street and that vicinity.

Probably not thirty houses could be found west of Phillip's Square, either on Dorchester or Sherbrooke, and only three on St. Catherine.

Dr. Jourdain had his office on the corner of Coté and Craig, now a beer garden, and Bernard was in that building on Craig Street now occupied by Tyler, the candy man. Our furnace and laboratory were in the second story front, the doctor's best bed-room, he retiring to the attic to give place to progressive dentistry. I remained with him for eight months, and then began in a very humble way for myself in Fortification Lane, in rear of Nordheimer's Hall, but the next year moving to the premises now occupied by "Notman." Not long after this Dr. Webb opened an office in St. Lawrence St. At his death W. B. McGowan succeeded to his practice, coming from St. Albans, Vt., in 1867, I think.

Dr. C. Brewster became partner with his preceptor, Dickinson, in 1857, who lived only about a year, leaving W. G. Beers as student in the office.

Besides Webb, Dr. H. D. Ross, of Quebec, graduated from VanBuskirk's hands, and soon our French friends caught on and students became numerous.

All this time improvements were going on in small as well as great things. Vulcanite as a base began to invade continuous gum, as well as gold work (in 1859 or 1860) and right here I would affirm that it has developed more careless, slovenly work and mal-adjustment, as well as being of immense benefit to the poor, than any other change in method or material that I know of. One of the little things that I consider great in results is the spoon excavator, be it Cooledge or Wetherbee to whom honor be given. And Jacks' "enamel chisels" is another exhibit of a thoughtful, scientific application of means and ends.