

Editorial.

What Will Canada Do?

The proposed Dental Congress in Chicago next year will be something Canadian dentists should make up their minds to enjoy. The most systematic arrangements are being perfected, and nothing left undone to make it by far the finest gathering of the profession the world has ever seen. We devote a good deal of space to the list of the committees, and in future numbers will keep the matter before our readers. We hope Canada will do its best.

Prosecutions.

Many licentiates have an idea that the members of the Board of Examiners should fulfil the duty of spies and detectives. If there is a quack in any obscure corner of any county they expect some officer of the Board to be omniscient as well as omnipresent, while they are particularly anxious to be *incognita* themselves. Nevertheless, though it is no more the duty of members of the Board than of others to secure information of illegal practice, it has been a duty voluntarily assumed, and most of the prosecutions have been brought about by the action of such officials. In Quebec Province, especially, has this been the case, for the simple reason that if they had not been instigated by members of the Board they would have been altogether ignored. Last month two more cases were brought before the police court; one offender was fined \$100 and costs, another \$25 and costs. One of the most sublime exhibitions of cheek is attempted by the latter offender, who has been twice fined. Though he has been drawing a regular salary as an employee in a commercial firm, pretending to be indentured to a licentiate at the same time, and not having passed more than a few months in the office, he has applied to the local legislature for a private bill to permit him to practise without license, fee or examination. Quack premiers and hoodling politicians reflect their principles upon every class of society, but there is hope at last for Quebec, as Mercier is degraded and honest men have hold of the helm.