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When manufacturers find that they have an over-production, they close down the mills, and save themselves the expense of the employees, whom they discharge. A manufacturer who sees the market glutted with his line of goods, has to choose between this policy or selling at or below cost. Many of the most serious failures in trade and commerce are due to over-competition and over-production. There is a limit to the wants of the purchaser as well as to his ability to pay, and this is specially apparent in hard times. In a country like Canada with a small population, there is a decided limit to the demands for professional careers, unless we mean to go into the business of encouraging our young men to educate themselves for professions which they must practise elsewhere. Dealing with this subject so far as it applies to dentistry, we must reiterate our belief, that we have reached the stage of congestion in the supply of dentists and dental students; and, moreover, that if this plethora exists in Canada it is no better in the United States. Art and science cannot travel too fast, but the production of their practitioners may, until of our physicians, dentists, civil engineers, architects, etc., it may, by and by, be said, as it is of the curate in England, that they are "the best educated paupers in the parish."