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## Editorial.

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### DR. RODDICK'S MEDICAL COUNCIL BILL.

As our readers are aware, Dr. Roddick, M.P., who represents the St. Antoine Division of the city of Montreal, has, for the last three years, at each Parliament, introduced a Bill, having for its object the formation of a Dominion Medical Council. There are very special reasons why such a Bill should be put in force at as early a date as possible. When first introduced, this Bill met with considerable opposition, chiefly in Ontario and Quebec and British Columbia. Dr. Roddick spent much time in visiting the centres of Medical education in various provinces and fully explaining its details. Friendly suggestions were received and the Bill amended, accordingly. The result of these interviews was that a Bill, satisfactory we think to the great bulk of the profession in the Dominion, was introduced into the present Parliament. It was felt, however, after its first reading, that the small professional minority opposed to it, even in the forms it then possessed, had developed considerable strength in the house, and that further amendments to it would be necessary. The question as to the power of the Federal Parliament to pass such an act was fully admitted by both the first Minister of the Crown and the Leader of the Opposi-