

here are the best dental patrons I know of. It is asserted that "the higher the civilization and the higher the living, the greater the dental requirements." If such is the case, then the North-West Territories must hold a very exalted position, and be very comfortably situated. There is no stinginess about our patrons here; they want their work done well, and are willing and ready to pay for it.

There is one thing I notice here which calls for mention, and that is the excessive number of abscessed teeth. I could easily understand it were they generally very badly decayed, but the number of abscessed teeth is entirely out of proportion to the number possessing any outward lesion, or at most a small cavity. I so often see teeth abscessed and for which I can give no other reason, that I have concluded that it is due to the extreme rarity of the atmosphere compelling people to breathe entirely through their mouth, it being impossible on a clear cold day to breathe through the nostrils. The extreme cold air coming so often in contact with the tooth and causing so many changes of temperature, I believe, kills the pulp; result—abscess. If it is not this, I should like some of my fellow-practitioners to enlighten me, as to the reason of the death of the pulp in so many cases where there is no cavity, no canal formation and apparently no other cause.

However, such teeth seldom lie dormant any length of time, but generally make themselves known and felt immediately after the death of the pulp, and in such cases, of course, they are easily treated. That such is the case, I think, is evidenced by the fact that often—very often—when these teeth are opened into, a small amount of pus is found, but when this has been removed my experience has been that, by using a brooch, a considerable portion of the pulp can be taken out dead but sufficiently intact to allow of its removal. Now this, I do not think, would occur had the pulp been dead any length of time, and did it occur but occasionally, I should not feel surprised; but, as I have met it here so much more frequently than in other localities, I think it worthy of mention.

The North-West Territories of Canada Dental Society are called together for their first annual meeting, to be held at Regina on July 1st and 2nd next. It is expected every dentist in the Territories will be present, and amongst the most important works