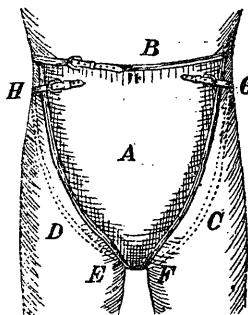


MANITOBA, NORTHWEST AND BRITISH COLUMBIA LANCET.

A movement is on foot seeking from the Dominion Government relaxation of the tariff on surgical instruments brought into Canada, and we trust the authorities will see their way to granting the request, not alone in the interests of the medical profession, but in that of the general public. A large majority of young men on obtaining their qualifications, find the dollars and cents wherewith to commence the battle of life not superabundant. They have usually to play a waiting game until patients come, but in the meantime must have the wherewithal to live. Settling down in the country districts, not only must they have a certain library for constant reference, but it is essential that every surgeon in the country should be provided with all the necessary appliances for operations which an emergency may call for. The heavy duty on books and instruments is of serious moment to the young struggling surgeon, and his not having them may be of very serious moment to the community amongst whom he settles. Encouragement of home manufacture and production is no doubt right, but in a case like this when the manufacturers of reliable surgical instruments are comparatively few throughout Europe and there are none in Canada, it necessitates the purchase of imported articles by all surgeons practising in the Dominion. It will be a graceful act of the Government in the interest of all, to allow both medical books and surgical instruments and appliances to be imported into Canada free of duty. It would be a boon to the young practitioner, it would be a benefit to the public. The day will come when a Weiss or Savigny, *et al.* will arise in Canada, but until his advent the indulgence of the Government in this direction is urgently called for. In the London *Lancet* of April 14, attention is directed to the practitioners' knife, manufactured by Messrs. Arnold & Son, the well known instrument makers, of West Smithfield, London. "It consists of a tortoise shell handle, in which are set six different instruments, three of which arise from each

end of it. The instruments are 1, a finger knife; 2, a finger saw; 3, Symes' abscess knife; 4, a gum lancet; 5, a tenotomy knife; 6, a sharp pointed curved needle. Besides these there is a groove cut out of the under surface of the tortoise shell itself at each side of the handle, which holds a probe and director respectively; and these two latter are so arranged as to permit of being screwed together so as to form one piece. It is of a convenient size, being no larger than an ordinary pocket knife. Further, it is compact and cheap, and is of special value to those who practice in the country. We hope to give a cut of the instrument and its price in a future number, by which time the Ottawa authorities may have considered the matter and permit of its being acquired at the London price.

DR. CODD'S ABDOMINAL AND PUBIC PROTECTOR.



Dr. Codd's patent abdominal and pubic protector, as shown above, is intended for the use of all persons exposed to severe cold; particularly for mounted men. The protector is made of fine lambskin, secured to the body by a waist belt and straps passing underneath the thighs to be attached by buckle to the waist. The protector is most favorably spoken of by the military authorities of the Dominion of Canada, and has been adopted by them. Dr. Codd is sanguine that his protector will be generally used in the military and