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**THE 12TH INTERNATIONAL
CONGRESS.**

The arranging for the suitable reception of such a vast body of learned men as attends the holding of an International Congress requires a very long notice in advance. The eleventh Congress will be held in Florence, Italy, in 1893, and so far no place has been suggested for the meeting of 1896. Why not invite that Congress to meet in the great commercial metropolis of Canada? With lines of steamships running direct to Montreal from Great Britain and the north and south of Europe, no city in America is more suitably situated. It has the advantage that during August when these Congresses are held the heat is quite endurable, being less than at either Florence or Washington. The medical profession is largely represented at Ottawa, and no difficulty would be experienced in inducing the Federal Government to vote a grant of twenty thousand dollars to enable Canada to take a suitable position in the ranks of civilized countries and in the scientific world. As a business investment the stay of fifteen thousand doctors and doctors' wives, who would spend at least four dollars a day each in the city of Montreal would make it well worth the city's while to follow the example

of Berlin and vote ten thousand dollars. With a guarantee fund of thirty thousand dollars we would have no difficulty in inducing the Congress to accept our invitation. We would respectfully ask our editorial confreres to publish this article in all languages, so that at the Congress of Florence, which we hope to attend in person in order to extend this invitation, we may receive a favorable reception for our invitation. Montreal has a population of a quarter of a million, and is the seat of four universities, every facility is here offered for the holding of such a grand assembly, and of offering hospitality to such distinguished scientists. We think we can depend upon the hearty co-operation of the Canadian profession in our humble efforts to make our dear country better known.

THE CANADA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

We desire to call the especial attention of our readers to the notice to be found in the advertising pages of this issue of the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association to be held in Montreal on the 16th, 17th and 18th of September. A number of interesting papers have been promised, and we can safely promise our brethren from a distance a right hearty welcome. It is the duty of every Canadian to do all that lies within his power to foster the healthy national spirit which is everywhere in Canada becoming more evident. We must forget as soon as we can and as much as possible that we are New Brunswickers, Nova Scotians and Quebecers and realize that it only requires a patriotic and Canadian spirit to make of Canada one of the finest nations on earth. If the three or four thousand medical men of Canada would give the meetings of the national association the preference over all others they would do much towards converting the medical profession of Canada into what it should be, a great national institution.