

on lines similar to the original draft, whereby five or more provinces, which is a majority of the total number of provinces, being ready to accept the Act, the Dominion Council may be formed and put into operation. So far, he has not succeeded, the answer being that Quebec is certain to come in.

Now, present indications show that Quebec has no intention of accepting the Act as it stands at present, unless amendments of a most damaging character are made to suit this province only, and which will render it entirely unacceptable to the other provinces. The solution to the difficulty, as it now stands, is for the other provinces, if they want Dominion Registration, to rise in their might and insist upon an amendment such as Dr. Roddick has urged upon the Dominion Government. Should the Province of Quebec desire to continue as at present, for certain selfish reasons, and adopt "the dog in the manger" policy, is it just that the other provinces be kept out of their rights?

#### MEDICAL LITERATURE.

During the past decade, literature has made considerable advancement in our Dominion. With increasing wealth we have an increasing appreciation of the fine arts and all forms of culture. Literature has not lagged behind the sister arts. Our daily papers are equal to those produced in any country. Our weekly and monthly periodicals, both in medicine and general literature, are rapidly improving. Literary aspirations have been growing and bearing fruit in the form of many delightful books.

It is true our literature has not yet assumed a type peculiarly our own, but has taken the tone and characteristics of our great Motherland. This, in a great measure, is to be accounted for by the abundance and cheapness of all kinds of literature brought from other countries, which has, to a great extent, smothered out our native talent, while the struggle for existence in a new and growing country has been too great to allow of time and energies being spent along this line. Now that general literature is making such advances, I feel constrained to express a fervent hope that medical literature may make an equally good showing in our country in the near future, and trust some of our men may enter the fields of medical authorship.

The hospital equipment throughout the Dominion is rapidly improving and being put on a most excellent footing. Our larger cities, with their well-equipped hospitals, should be in a position to give our men a thorough post-graduate course.