

BRITISH DIPLOMAS IN CANADA.

At the last meeting of the Medical Council the question was raised by Dr. Dowar as to whether or not British diplomas were alone sufficient to entitle the holder to practice in Canada. After some discussion on the subject, it was resolved that the President, Dr. Covernton, be requested to communicate with Sir John A. McDonald, and obtain his opinion on the question. Accordingly, a week or two after the Council was prorogued, the President addressed the Premier on the subject and received an immediate reply to the effect that, as Minister of Justice, the matter did not come within his jurisdiction, but that he would transmit the letter to the Hon. John Sandfield McDonald with a request that he would promptly reply. No notice was taken of it, however, by the head of our Local Government; but as the President happened to be in Toronto a few weeks ago, he, with Dr. Aikins, called upon the honourable gentleman. He informed them that, as Attorney-General, he was only called upon to give a legal opinion to the Cabinet, and that they must obtain the advice of counsel. In course of conversation, however, he admitted that there was no question that in all civil matters the Legislature of Ontario was supreme, thereby settling the question that our British *confrères* who have obtained their diploma subsequent to the passing of our Act, must comply with the requisitions of the Council.

CRANIOTOMY.

Dr. Adams, of Gravenhurst, sends us a report of a case of craniotomy, in which the child was born alive. He closed the wound, and put six stitches in the scalp. The child seemed healthy and strong, but two days afterwards the wound opened and swelling to some extent occurred. Subsequently the scalp began to slough, and carbolic acid dressing was applied. The child lived three weeks. It did not appear to suffer from injury to the brain, but seemed to weaken gradually and die of exhaustion. He asks what treatment would be advisable in such a case? We would say that in cases in which craniotomy is resorted to, it would be better to so mutilate the brain as to prevent the possibility of the child being born alive.