

This is the law as it exists in this Province and as it is administered. In what relative position do the institutions of Great Britain stand with reference to this law? Graduates and Licentiates of the Universities and Colleges of Great Britain and of France are admitted to registration on what their credentials set forth, without examination. The Act is so far liberal that, although it compels visitation to our own colonial schools, it accepts in good faith the examinations of British and French schools without question. But, although this is the practical working of this local act, it may not be retained in its present integrity. There is a growing interest, a desire to have the institutions in this country recognized for all they are worth. We should be sorry to have to chronicle any change in our law, with a view to ignore all foreign degrees—be they from Great Britain or elsewhere. Such a scheme was proposed, but did not carry; it might be again brought up and become the law of the land.

It should be remembered that in all matters of educational interest, we possess the right of legislating for ourselves. We should be very sorry to see any such system of exclusion adopted, yet it must be confessed that nothing is more likely to follow, if a good lead is given us, the exclusion first coming from the other side. Each year we become of greater importance on the world's face, because we are a growing country, with abundance of room for a population of forty times our present limit. The country is being steadily but gradually opened up and there are local interests at stake which will without doubt in time attract attention. Our youths can not be shut out from serving their country or fellow man in any capacity. If, through the enterprise of Canadians, lines of steamships are established between Canadian ports and those of Great Britain or any other country, it would be hard indeed to refuse service to a young Canadian surgeon, simply because he did not hold a British qualification. Yet this has been done, but we trust will never be again repeated.