

They no doubt feel that it is better to be rid forever of any possibility of trouble than to repeat former experiences. However, it is my impression that, ere long, the North-West Territories will proudly boast of her dental profession as can the people of the older Canadian Provinces, (and certainly they have reason to be proud), for we have here already in this vast country men who are not only proud to acknowledge themselves dentists, but who are gifted with plenty of push, energy and ambition, not of that selfish nature which looks only to self-advancement, irrespective of the annoyance it causes to his fellow-practitioners, but to the advancement of the profession as a whole.

Best of all, however, it becomes apparent immediately on acquaintance, that the dentists here have the highest possible conception of what a dental education ought to be, and of the position a thoroughly qualified dental profession ought to occupy. Truly, then, we have good grounds for believing that the North-West will yet be a strong factor, in helping to maintain the leading position in the world as held by the Canadian dentists.

Of course, it will be a long time before we can well support a dental educational institution out here, but until such time as we can have one, I think no fear need be expressed of us discriminating against our excellent Royal College of Ontario, by admitting to practice here graduates of other colleges of inferior standard. That is the sentiment I have always heard expressed throughout the Territories ; and although the standard, I am glad to say, has been changed in many of the colleges since our first "Dental Ordinance" was drafted, yet I think all will agree that we have done very well for a beginning (although we did not get one-half of what we asked) and that we have established ourselves on a good solid, all-Canadian basis. I believe these Territories can support a greater percentage of dentists than any other part of Canada (in fact, there are more dentists here now per population than in any other part of the Dominion). It may be that a great part of the people, living as they do at a considerable distance from any dentist, have neglected their teeth in the past, and are now compelled to attend to them ; but allowing for this, and considering only those who are favored by locality, I must express my surprise at finding the condition of mouths I have found here. Judging from my experience in Ontario and five of the American States, I must say the people