

(which would have to be held simultaneously at various centres) would be a severe drain upon the slender income of the Board and also a tax upon the candidates. The thoroughness of the proposed final examination might well be questioned. The medical degrees already obtainable within the proposed area should be registrable upon payment of the fee.

In order to secure Interprovincial registration, it is essential that we should banish from our minds the petty obstinacy of selfishness, and throw parochial politics to the winds. Let the spirit of compromise prevail. I hope this Association will lend its potent influence for the carrying out of this splendid purpose. If this policy receives your approval, I hope a strongly worded resolution will be passed and a provisional committee appointed to act in conjunction with other bodies, should the subject be brought up in the interval between this and our next annual meeting.

To establish this area upon a legal and enduring basis will require time, patience, and wisdom. It is easier to leave an object at rest than to set it moving. I can see the legal difficulties to overcome, obstacles to surmount, sectional interests to be considered, vested local authority to be conserved.

By co-operative action on the part of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in each Province and identical enactments by each local legislature, this scheme will soon reach completion without dislocation of any existing medical interest in any Province.

#### MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS.

It has long been recognized that the schools are active factors in the spread of contagious diseases.

A large number of children occupying small rooms, frequently inadequately ventilated, their close contact in the play grounds, their susceptible age, the handling of articles used in common, free text books which may be contaminated, produce favorable conditions for the spread of all forms of infection.

It is conceded by the medical profession that the greatest source of the transmission of infectious and contagious diseases, among children, is through contact at school, and that this transmission can be best overcome by systematic periodic examination of the school children by medical inspectors.