

be expunged or erased for some cause other than the non-payment of dues.

5. Subject to the provisions of Section 33, Chapter 147, of the Acts of 1891, no person, whether registered as a dental practitioner or otherwise, shall extract teeth or perform any other dental operations, for fee or otherwise, on any public street or common, or in any park, square, parade ground, or other public place. Any person offending against the provisions of this section shall, on summary conviction before a stipendiary magistrate, or justice of the peace, be liable to a fine not exceeding \$5 for each offence, and in default of payment, to imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding twenty days, and each such dental operation shall be a separate offence

Editorial.

An Overstocked Profession.

Ontario and Quebec have twice as many dentists as they want. They both, perhaps, need all they have; but the most prevalent disease of the age is not, as a rule, serious to life, and the most people believe, that we dentists exaggerate when we attempt to show that it is frequently the forerunner of general ill-health. There is an immense scope in Canada, especially in the rural towns and villages, for public education as to the functional value of the teeth, and no doubt this educational opportunity could employ much more than the leisure of those qualified to educate. But from a practical and financial standpoint, dentistry in the Dominion is overdone. The result of excessive competition is witnessed in the lowness of fees, and also in inferior workmanship. We use the word "workmanship" advisedly. Apart from the ignorance of physiological and pathological knowledge, the workmanship—the purely mechanical—has degenerated in many parts, as one of the direct results of overcrowding. It is but a repetition of the old story in all branches of art. No honest and able man can give his best thought and labor at the price of the gutter-dentist. Even diplomas and college education do not suffice to take meanness out of the dentist, who is moved purely by commercial instinct, and it is not uncommon to hear the boast that a man has done seven or ten thousand dollars of business, the last year, while he thinks it no reproach that he is as ignorant as he was when he started. The purely money-grabber robs the public, and would ruin the profession were it not for honorable men in it. From one end of the Dominion to the other, there are hundreds of men in our ranks who do the thing that is right simply because it is right, and who hate the thing that is wrong, which they would not do if