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*Analysis of the "Ontario Medical Act," with observations, by W. MARSDEN, M.A., M.D., &c., Ex-President and one of the Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, Member of the Canadian Medical Association, &c., &c., &c.*

Prior to, and until the last annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, held in Toronto, on the second Wednesday of September last, and following days, almost the entire Medical Profession of Quebec was, like myself, under the impression that the Medical Profession of Ontario had been recreant in allowing the "Ontario Medical Act" to pass without protest; and had since been guilty of apostacy in accepting the Bill, and organizing the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario under its provisions, and in this opinion many of the members of the Medical Profession in Ontario also participated. Not having seen the Bill or Act of Incorporation of January, 1869, previous to the annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association; but having seen the "report of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, with Rules and Regulations for the guidance of Students in medicine," and a list of "members of the Council, and Board of Examiners and subjects of examinations," wherein some of the most distinguished members of our liberal and humane Profession seemed to form a "happy family" with Homœopaths and Eclectics, as members of the "Council," and "Board of Examiners," this unfavourable opinion was greatly strengthened; and it was not until the second day's proceedings of the Association, when this matter had been discussed and agitated, both in and out of the meeting, that I,—and I may safely add *we*—began to understand the Act. Had it been more generally seen before the meeting, a better understanding might have been arrived at on the first day; and some recriminations and personal asperities might have been avoided. I now participate in the common opinion of most of my Quebec confrères, that the Act is not only the best that could have been obtained at the time, but superior in some respects to the "Lower Canada Act."