

You will remember that the original draft of the Bill contained the clause, "when five or more provinces consent." This clause was obnoxious to the Dominion Government, and it compelled those in charge of the Bill to change it to "all the provinces must consent" before the work can be begun. This action of the Government, which we now know was done in order to placate Quebec, was particularly unfortunate, as it was the means of wrecking Dominion Registration for the present.

Five provinces, viz., Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and the North-West Territories, have passed the necessary legislation—to the effect, that any one possessing the license of the Dominion Medical Council may enter any of these provinces and practise his profession on the payment of the registration fee of the province. The N.-W. Territories enacted in addition, that *this qualification alone would admit to practise there*. The Province of Ontario has not, as yet, endorsed the Bill. The Premier, Mr. Ross, has expressed himself as being very strongly favorable, and volunteered to take charge of it himself, but there is no doubt that his unstable tenure of office, and the very grave charges brought against some members of his cabinet, were the chief causes of its being left over, through pressure of weightier matters.

British Columbia, also, is in a very unsettled state, politically, the legislature being unable to get through its legitimate business. Those in favor of Dominion Registration who have watched the trend of public sentiment in these two provinces, feel assured that, as soon as the political atmosphere becomes cleared, they will express their approval of the Act by adopting it. Quebec is the one great obstacle, the legislature having rejected it by a large majority, but I am proud to say that the English members voted solidly for it.

The New Brunswick Legislature, in their Bill accepting the provisions of the Act, recommended that the Dominion Government be urged to permit the provinces, asking for the Dominion Act, to go on and allow the other provinces to follow, just in the same way that confederation was brought about, by the four provinces, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick accepting the Confederation Act—Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, with later Manitoba and the N.-W. Territories, coming in when convinced it was a good thing.

Since the defeat in the Quebec house, Dr. Roddick, who had charge of the Bill, has been endeavoring to induce the Dominion Government to allow him to bring in an amendment to the Act