

for the United States first, and for New Brunswick afterwards. In the interest of the Province the Act should be remodelled. It would ultimately be in the interest of the profession. There is no reason why, if a member of the New Brunswick Legislature wants to make his son a dentist, that he should be forced by his own law to go to the very great extra expense of sending him for three years to a foreign country. Something, too, might be said on the moral aspect of being obliged to place a boy of seventeen for three years, hundreds of miles from his own home, when there are qualified dentists in New Brunswick competent to do as much as the profession in Quebec and the North-West Provinces. We are sure that nowhere, more than in the United States, will the unpatriotic and humiliating character of this Act excite the contempt of honest men.

Nickel and Platinum in Canada.

Canada is perhaps the richest country in the world in mines and minerals, which have as yet only been scratched on the surface. One of our late exchanges refers to the fact that as strong as steel is, it can be made stronger by an alloy of from three to five per cent. of nickel; that this means that we can have larger bridges and lighter machinery than ever. It is not said what influence this alloy may have on our dental instruments and equipment. If it can in any way improve the many articles of steel used by the dentist, it will be a boon. In this connection, Canada has the largest and finest deposits of nickel in the world.

It is not possible yet to know to what extent platinum exists in the Dominion. It is found in Quebec Province, in the gold washings of Rivière du Loup and Rivière des Plantes, but the quantity so far as known is insignificant. In washing for gold in British Columbia, considerable quantities have been found in the form of grains and pellets; the production in 1887, according to Government statistics, being 1,400 ounces. Small quantities of an arsenide of platinum have also been obtained in the Sudbury district. No doubt, later developments will show that Canada can, perhaps, supply the world with platinum, as well as nickel.