

What is there to fear in the act? In the case of Quebec province the Dominion Act would open up new fields for the practitioners of the province, especially such as speak the French language. McGill and Laval universities would not in the end lose by the change, though their degrees now carry the right to practise with them; yet the wider sphere would in the end far more than offset any temporary inconvenience.

The maritime provinces and Manitoba are willing to cast in their lots with the wider arrangement. In the provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, there should be no difficulty as there are no medical colleges in these provinces to complicate the situation.

In our July issue we pointed out that thirty-nine of the states in the United States union have secured interprovincial reciprocity, and that these states contain the large and influential cities, and the greater part of the population of the whole country.

There is one thing that this country might easily be united in, and that is in the medical profession. Let all the provinces adopt the word "Union" as the permanent password. With Ovid let us say, *Felix faus-
tumque sit.*

THE TORONTO MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER.

"As You Like It," "Much Ado About Nothing," "Tempest," and "All's Well That Ends Well," have been played at the City Hall for some time over the position of the medical health officer for the city.

We are very glad that Dr. Charles Sheard has accepted the position again, which a few months ago he resigned. Dr. Sheard is a capable person for the office for several reasons, namely, his knowledge of the duties of the office; but, far more important, his thoroughly independent spirit.

But this does not relieve the Board of Control of the charge of a complete break down of executive ability. The members of this board could never come to a decision upon a name, though there were a number of good candidates to select from.

But, as in Henry VI., we are told "Ill blows the wind that profits nobody," so this very inability to reach a decision brought about the best of all decisions—the retention of a well-trying and trusted servant of the city. Dr. Sheard is still in his prime, and we wish for him many years in the position of health officer for Toronto.

One thing we must take exception to, namely, the large deputation of medical gentlemen who waited upon the Board of Control to press the claims of one of the candidates, passing itself off as from the Academy of Medicine of Toronto. It is quite true that in that deputation there were