

pension in 1852, and again from 1860 until it finally expired two years later.

Long before "Old Probabilities" were heard of in the United States, Dr. Robert Smallwood, born in 1812, had established at St. Martin, some ten miles from Montreal, a "Meteorological and Electrical Observatory" which was a constant source of wonder to the good people of the parish. Daily from his temple of mystery, Dr. Smallwood telegraphed to Montreal the weather estimates for the ensuing 24 hours and many an anxious St. Martin farmer was stimulated to fresher exertions by the Doctor's prognostications of a rainstorm soon to come, or *vice versa*.

Dr. Smallwood performed some invaluable work, and contributed to the press many interesting articles on the subjects mentioned.

The first medical serial which appeared in Canada namely, *Le Journal de Médecine de Quebec* was published in 1823, by Dr. Francois Xavier Tessier, who was also founder of the Quebec Medical Society.

Dr. Tessier who acquired a wonderful knowledge of several modern languages, studied under Dr. Von Iffland of Quebec, and graduated at New York. *Le Journal de Médecine* which was published in both English and French, received for a while the support of some of the best writers of the province, but finally owing to lack of support of paying subscribers, succumbed to the inevitable, and died the usual death of such journals, three years later.

Dr. Von Iffland founded in 1820, the first anatomical school established in Quebec. He held during his life-time various important positions in connection with his profession under the crown, was for some time Medical Superintendent of Quarantine at Grosse Isle wrote a history of the town of Sorel, and also contributed a large number of articles and essays for the medical and general press both in Europe and America.

A public spirited man and good citizen, was Dr. Joseph Morrin, born in Scotland in the early part of this century, and who founded the college bearing his name, which school has been of incalculable benefit, especially to the English-speaking youth of Quebec. Dr. Morrin delivered the inaugural address at the opening of the Quebec School of Medicine, replete with much statistical information concerning the same. Before the incorporation of the old Quebec Medical School with Laval University, Dr. William Marsden, born in 1807, lectured on anatomy, physiology, surgery, materia medica and botany. He was also for a time President of the Provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons and from 1851 to 1854 a member of the *Quebec Mercury* editorial staff.

It was not until the end of the last century, that English-speaking