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### MEDICAL EDUCATION.

We have heard that it is the intention of Laval University to establish a branch in this city, to include Faculties in Arts, Law, Medicine and Divinity. In the faculty of medicine, rumour indicates that the present School of Medicine and Surgery in affiliation with Victoria College, Cobourg, is to become the faculty of medicine of the Montreal branch of Laval University. We are unable to make any positive statement on this subject, because we do not happen to be in the way of gathering information, but we should suppose that rival interests would induce some aspirants to fame, to establish a new staff of teachers, and moreover, we do not quite see how the Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery which claims to be the Medical Faculty of Victoria College could consent to this change without due notice being given to its University authorities.

The establishment of another medical school, because this is virtually what this movement means, must be regarded as an element of weakness in our educational system, and one which if carried out will tend to lower the standard of medical education in this Province. There are already in full operation in the Province of Quebec four medical Schools, all possessing University privileges, and should a fifth be established it will be more than is required by the country, and will tend to laxity in teaching, as also in examination of candidates. It may be said that these bodies will be under the supervision of censors, or assessors appointed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province. This is true, but we do not think that even this will prevent abuses.

We are adverse to the present system of visitation, and hold