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THE QUEBEC MEDICAL ACT.

By the terms of this Act all previous Acts or Ordinances bearing on the practice of Physic, Surgery or Midwifery in the Province of Quebec, and all Acts or Ordinances having reference to the method of obtaining a license to practice Medicine, Surgery or Midwifery in the same, are repealed.

Some excitement has been occasioned by an editorial article that appeared in "L'Union Médical du Canada," in which it is shown that the Board of Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, are incapable under the new Act to examine students on preliminary subjects. This and a few other questions we desire to enquire into, and we will have to take the Act as it is, and not as we intended it to be. The very first clause of the Act does away with

"All other Acts or parts of Acts in any manner relating to the practice of medicine, surgery or midwifery in the Province of Quebec, or in any manner relating to the mode of obtaining licenses to practice medicine, surgery or midwifery therein, shall be and are hereby repealed, except in so far as relates to any offence committed against the same or any of them before the passing of this Act, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred by reason of such offence."

This completely sweeps away all previous Acts, and leaves alone the present Act, under which the profession in this Province is now governed.

In clause II., The College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec is created. The old institution is simply defunct, gone, done away with. It is not a substitution