

pure physician would have to satisfy the board by examination that he was proficient in surgery before he could obtain his license to practice. Our friends on the other side do not seem to be aware of this fact.

It would seem that the *master* insists on recognition from his man *Jack*, not on account of what he is in verity, but because of what he would desire to be.

*The Medical Times and Gazette* assumes that the grievance of non-recognition is, to a very great extent, a sensational one. In this we do not altogether agree. Was it a sensational grievance when the agents in England of the Canadian line of Steamships received a notice from the Board of Trade in London, that after the 1st January, 1877, the steamers of that line would not be allowed to clear at the Custom House in Great Britain unless the Surgeon on board was provided with a Diploma from some of the colleges in England, Ireland or Scotland. This action of the Board of Trade was resisted by the Messrs. Allan.

Sir Hugh Allan, the head of that firm, who resides in Montreal, in a letter which he addressed to Dr. G. W. Campbell, the Dean of the Medical Faculty of McGill University, and which we published at the time, remarks, under date, January 19, 1877:—

“I am totally ignorant of the reason why this regulation is proposed, or of any good to be attained by it.

“We have for the last twenty years carried Canadian Surgeons on board our steamers, as well as English ones, and the result of our experience is, that the Canadian Surgeons are quite equal both in professional acquirements, and gentlemanly bearing, to those we receive from the Colleges in England.

“I therefore am not disposed to submit to this requirement, inasmuch as I think it is a great injustice to the institutions of this country, as well as to the young men who study therein, and in point of fact it is a slight upon the Dominion itself.

“I have written to the Government urging them to take action in this matter without delay, and I write this letter to you with the view that you should bring it before the authorities of the University of McGill College, or in any other way that you think most likely to attain the object I have in view, and that is a full and perfect recognition of our own medical men as being equal to any others.”