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## EDITORIAL.

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### DOMINION REGISTRATION.

THE CANADA LANCET has always stood firmly for Dominion Registration. There is no need for the present condition of provincialism any longer. The various provinces have nothing to lose and everything to gain by coming to an understanding on this very important subject. It is not only folly, but compound folly, that there should be so many qualifying bodies in Canada. It was felt some years ago when Dr. Roddick carried his bill through the Parliament of Canada that a solution had been reached.

But the little politician had to have his say and a proviso was put into the act that all the provinces must give consent to the act before it would become operative. This spoiled the bill, as Quebec has stood out. The fear of losing some privilege, or being lost in the larger scheme intimidated those affected with medical short sightedness and we are where we were.

But the conditions are changing and the medical myope will not be able to retard progress. The bill will, we hope, be modified in such a manner that the consent of all the provinces will not be necessary. The unwilling one or two provinces might then see that it was in their interests to fall in line and correct their errors of refraction, and get some true medical leaven into their nature so that they could rise to the occasion and get away from the narrow condition of provincialism. A leader is needed in this matter, or rather those who would be willing to aid Dr. Roddick in his further efforts.

What we have urged for years is coming about. We have pressed upon the attention of the medical men throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia to secure a common standard of their own. We are glad to note that active steps are on foot looking towards this end. It is time that the Ontario Council was acting in this matter.

If the professional attitude in the Province of Quebec is hopeless, that is no reason why the other and rapidly growing provinces should do nothing. We do not hesitate for one moment in asserting that the