

ILLIBERAL INTERPRETATION OF THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ACT.

We give below an extract from a letter received from Dr. Jenks, of Detroit, by a medical gentleman in this city, in reference to a personal matter alluded to in a previous issue.

"I went to Goderich by appointment with Dr. McLean to perform an operation, but not finding it admissible or warrantable started home, and as I was about to take the Detroit train at Stratford, I was accosted by Detective Smith, who informed me that I was the man he was in search of; that he had learned I was to perform an operation in Goderich and return home by this train, but he had just been informed by a gentleman who accompanied me, that I had not done it, but that if I had for a pecuniary compensation, he should feel obliged to arrest me. * * * It was not until after my return home that I learned by correspondence who had directed Smith to arrest me. I further learned that the gentleman (?) who gave him his instructions, was notified through a medical student whom I met in Goderich, that I was expected to be there at a fixed date, and spoke to the latter of my professional qualification in no flattering terms. I care nothing about the remarks made of me personally, for every public man becomes callous and indifferent to such things, as it is known that they rarely do harm, except to the one who utters them. * * * All the Canadian medical gentlemen with whom I have conversed upon the subject of your medical laws have construed them, as far as consultation and the ordinary professional courtesies between the physicians of the two countries were concerned, in a similar manner as expressed in your letter to me, and in the LANCET article bearing upon the matter in question. None have intimated that an American physician, or surgeon, visiting a patient in consultation, or performing an operation upon Canadian soil at the request of a legally qualified Canadian physician, violated in letter or spirit the Ontario Medical Act.

You are at liberty to make such use of this letter, or any portion of it, as you may deem best.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. JENKS.

Detroit, March 15th, 1877.

AMERICAN DIPLOMAS.—The following Canadians received the degree of M.D., at Arbor University, Michigan, in March:—William H. McKenzie, George N. Newton, Duncan Patterson, James H. Travis, and C. H. Dale.

VETERINARY COLLEGES.

The good work done by the Veterinary Colleges in Canada renders them worthy of more than a mere passing notice. The Ontario Veterinary College, presided over by Dr. Smith of Toronto, closed its session in March last. The following gentlemen received the diploma:—H. Hopkins, M. H. McKillip, G. W. Bates, H. Hamilton, M. L. High, R. W. Newton, E. Kenning, W. Langtry, M. Stalker, E. S. Rodgers, D. Stovel, and R. A. Harding. Three of the gentlemen were from the United States and one from Jamaica. Mr. A. Stephenson passed the primary examination.

During the afternoon of the closing of the school, Hon. Attorney-General Mowat and Hon. Mr. Wood paid a visit to the Institution and inspected the premises. The Hon. Mr. Mowat expressed himself as greatly pleased with the visit he had made, and to meet so many students and hard working young men intent on fitting themselves for a very useful occupation. The profession on which they were entering was one of great importance in this country, and he hoped they would make it as profitable to themselves as it would be beneficial to those among whom they were engaged.

The Hon. Mr. Wood also addressed the candidates, and observed that the want of veterinary skill had been a want long felt in this Province. At the present time, there were a great many wealthy farmers in this country who had invested millions of dollars in valuable stock. The veterinary students and graduates would recognize, therefore, that they had important duties and responsibilities before them. The name of Prof. Smith was well and favourably known and was a guarantee for the proficiency of the graduates who left the College, and it would depend upon them to maintain their principal's reputation. In the evening Prof. Smith entertained the graduates, students and a number of friends to supper; Attorney-General Mowat and Prof. Buckland were present.

During the evening the Hon. Mr. Mowat presented the various medals, &c. The gold medal for best general examination was gained by Mr. G. W. Bates, Wellington, Mo., U. S.

The MONTREAL VETERINARY COLLEGE, presided over by Prof. McEachran, also closed its labours of the winter session a few weeks ago.