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THE CANADA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

We have much pleasure in calling our readers' attention to the very full report of the meeting just held at St. John, New Brunswick, which will be found in another part of this issue. The meeting was admitted by all who were present to have been the most successful in the history of the Association. On one occasion only was the attendance larger, but at that meeting there was not the enthusiasm and sustained interest which was noticeable at St. John.

The sessions began promptly on time, the business was quickly disposed of, and one paper after the other was rapidly called for, read and discussed. The hospitality of the profession of St. John was unbounded; besides numerous private entertainments, there was a large public ball given, instead of a banquet, which gave an opportunity to the younger members of the Association to demonstrate their efficiency in the terpsichorean art.

Many of the older members were the guests of different medical men in the city, while the hotels took good care of the others, although the city at the time was unusually full of tourists. The sessions were especially

well attended, the hall in which they were held being nearly all the time crowded with listeners. It was not until nearly eleven p.m. of the second day that the last paper was read and discussed. A great deal of the success of the meeting was due to the untiring efforts of the Secretary, Dr. Starr of Toronto, who not only secured a good programme of papers and addresses, but also a good attendance of listeners. The President, Dr. Harrison of Selkirk, communicated with the Medical Associations of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, as well as with the Maritime Province Medical Association, and readily obtained their consent to amalgamate with the Canada Medical for this year, thus ensuring a large attendance of the local members.

The Railway Companies gave reduced fares, for which they received a vote of thanks; but the reduction to the Medical delegates was nothing like so great as that open to anyone or every one a few weeks earlier and a few weeks later, when, instead of fifteen dollars, they issued excursion tickets for just half that amount. There were many who thought that they might have extended their popular excursion rate to the Medical delegates. The election of Dr. William Bayard of St. John to the presidency gave general satisfaction; although over eighty-one years of age, he is hale and hearty and attends a large practice—often at night—with an alacrity which would put many a younger man to shame. Dr. Bayard has been the leader of the profession of New Brunswick for the last forty years, and it will be no small honor for the Canadian Medical Association to point to its octogenarian president next year, at Kingston, as an example of what the air and food and habits of New Brunswick will do in prolonging life. We trust that every member of the profession will put it down as an engagement to attend the next meeting of this our national Association.