

days of despair, perhaps, when you'll lie on your back and almost wish you were in your coffin, but duty and courage transmute them into days of happiness, when you wouldn't change this lovely earth for any premature hope of heaven. It will often compensate you in arduous work, in which no man in Canada ever became rich, to feel that you do humanity a daily service ; that every day you prevent or ease pain, and that if you give pain, it is only that pain may cease. Now, gentlemen, to work. There is your duty. The dentist waits in his office. The procession will soon begin for you. The healthiest infant, as well as the invalid, the richest as well as the poorest ; the worthiest scholar, the wisest *savant*, the greatest statesmen, even the kings and queens of earth must walk in, take their place in the chair, and submit to sit before us, with open mouth. I think it is quite time for me to close mine.

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Dentistry in the Canadian North-West.

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The dentists of the North-West Territories certainly cannot be reproached for inactivity and unprogressiveness. It is but as yesterday since white men took possession of this great land, and yet already we find it dotted all over with thriving towns and villages, every one of importance of which is now supplied with at least one generally competent dentist. It was not always thus, though, for until quite recently the country was overrun with men who claimed to be dentists, but many of whom no doubt knew but little of a dental college examination, and who were unsettled and irresponsible to their patrons. Thus for a time the dental profession had, to a great extent, lost the confidence of the people, and it will yet take a long time to reinstate our profession in its proper place in the eyes of the people. We who are now here are reaping the fruit of the seed sown by our predecessors, and in hundreds of cases where dentistry—true dentistry—might successfully be practised, our patrons will permit of nothing but absolute malpractice.