

formation is there, but there is no classification, no tabulation of these valuable statistics. But this defect, this neglect, can be easily remedied. I think our Province is sufficiently developed to justify the Government in appointing an executive officer under the control of the Provincial Board of Health. To this official among his manifold duties might be deputed the registration and tabulation of vital statistics. Surely it is natural that these statistics should be under the supervision of the Provincial Board of Health instead of being a neglected appendage of the Department of Agriculture. The Commission on Uniform Vital Statistics of the American Medical Association has reported a model bill for the consideration of state legislatures. This bill has met with the approval of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the United States Census Department and also of the Commissioners in Uniform Laws appointed by the Commission of the American Bar Association, and also of the officers of the American Medical Health Association. Should not Manitoba drop into line? I would suggest that this Association appoint a committee to look into the whole question, and have power to assist the authorities so that our vital statistics may have scientific value.

INTER-PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION.

There is one question of far reaching importance to which I desire to direct the attention of this large representative gathering. I refer to Inter-Provincial Registration—the formation of a registration area consisting of Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Surely this can be accomplished by the united efforts of the various local legislatures, and the body corporate of the profession in each of the Provinces enumerated. It has been suggested that the business of these federated districts be under the jurisdiction of an elective board, and that as one of its functions, it should have the power of conducting examination and granting the registrable qualification. Would this Western Canada Board require candidates to pass all the professional examinations, first, second, third, fourth and fifth year, or a primary intermediate and final, or lastly one examination on final subjects? I am opposed to the useless re-duplication of examinations which are superfluous and expensive. The expenses of conducting even one final examination for approved students