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In a Petition to His Excellency  
the Governor in Chief, dated St.  
Dennis, the 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1821.  
John D. Nelson, States:

1<sup>st</sup> That, he served a regular Appren-  
-ticeship to the Medical Profession  
2<sup>d</sup> That, he had obtained a Reference  
from His Excellency the Governor in Chief  
to the Medical Board of Quebec.  
3<sup>d</sup> That he underwent an Examination  
and answered the Questions satisfactorily

Which is proved by two Certificates  
signed by Robert, and Wolfred Nelson

Which is proved by a Reference signed  
J. Brady, dated Quebec 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1820.

Which is proved by a letter written  
by D. Holmes, dated Quebec Nov<sup>ry</sup>  
1820. Which letter states that he  
was examined, and "that his answers  
to the several Questions were very credit-  
able to him, considering his opportunities  
His opportunities have been equal to those  
of any Candidate who has ever passed  
the Medical Board.

4<sup>th</sup> That the Members observed that  
they had come to a resolution of admit-  
ting no Candidate to pass their Board  
who had not been at a University.

Which is proved by the above mention-  
ed letter of D. Holmes, the President,  
and also by another written by D. Lloyd,  
which can be produced if required.

5<sup>th</sup> That he was advised to repair to  
an American University.

Which is proved by the following expres-  
sion of D. Holmes "That not far off  
there was a College; the shortest  
road to which is to be taken at Three  
Rivers." Dartmouth College is here im-  
plied.

6<sup>th</sup> That, after which, the M<sup>d</sup> Board  
would grant the necessary Certificate,  
by which he is to obtain his Licence.

This was distinctly stated to him at the  
close of the Examination by D. Holmes,  
and is proved by the above mentioned  
letter of D. Lloyd.