

that the Society has an important function in addition to the promotion of the general welfare of the profession, and is more closely connected with the State than other Canadian associations.

The suggestion of Dr. Steeves to establish a journal is one which we should like to see carried out. The Maritime Provinces are quite able to support one, and from what we know of the general professional attainments of the practitioners in those parts, a journal devoted to their interests should not suffer from lack of original communications. It is true the "Provincial Medical Journal," started in Halifax in 1868, was not long lived, but in the past fifteen years a great change has come over the profession, and the members are more alive to the necessity of supporting associations and journals. There are nearly six hundred medical men in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, and a quarterly or bi-monthly periodical should receive ample support, and with a subscription list of three hundred, and a fair share of advertising pages, would pay expenses.

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WHAT NEXT?—We have long been satisfied of the utter inefficiency of our present Health Board, and quite recently some (as Mr. Boxer, a member) have spoken very plainly on the subject. One would naturally suppose that the city authorities themselves, and the Health Officer particularly, would be the parties to be looked to in such matters. Not so, however, we have in this Province only one man who can do anything. Is it necessary to say that we allude to the "great uncrowned," "His Excellency," Chevalier Senecal? He has arrived from Europe, where delighted capitalists vie with each other in pouring money into his lap. He has spared a few moments from his great railway, beet root, land and lumber schemes to look round this city; has found its sanitary state very bad; has delighted our Health Officer by telling him that he is interested in this matter, and will introduce him to some wealthy French capitalists seeking information on the climate and resources of this country. This scheme is an excellent one. It will cause the worthy Dr. Larocque to find himself in excellent company, on which we congratulate him. But how that