

As for the Dominion House, Dr. Roddick succeeded in getting an Act passed providing for the establishment of a Dominion Medical Council with full power to hold examinations in medicine and grant licenses valid in any portion of the Dominion. This Council can only become constituted when all the provinces have accepted the provisions of the Act. With the exception of Quebec all have enacted such legislation as to make the Act effective. The legislature of the Province of Quebec, however, defeated the bill introduced for the purpose of rendering the bill inoperative. The reason for this action was that under the present Provincial Act Quebec graduates in McGill, Bishops and Laval Universities who have passed four years in their studies and obtained their degree are entitled, without further examination, to obtain a license to practice medicine in that Province. Graduates of the Manitoba University also require but four years, whereas, in Ontario, as we all know, a fifth year has to be spent before the candidate can go up for his final examination before the Council.

Dr. Roddick's Bill, had it been accepted, would have placed students in all the provinces upon the same footing, and having passed the examination of the Dominion Council the successful candidate would then have possessed a license entitling him to practise anywhere in Canada.

The series of amendments to the Act suggested to render it acceptable to Quebec would be so manifestly unfair to Ontario that we, of this Province, could never accept them. It would appear, therefore, that inter-provincial legislation is dead for the time being, unless Quebec is willing to rescind its action of the past session, and, like Manitoba, unselfishly place itself on the equal and advanced footing of the other provinces.

Dr. Roddick, however, has still hopes, and writes to say that, "Considering that four of the provinces have completed the concurrent legislation necessary, I am not disposed to give up the fight."

He is now asking the Parliament to amend the Dominion Registration Act so as to permit the provinces that favor it to begin at once the work of such registration.

The doctor certainly deserves great credit for the vigorous fight he has put up, and we earnestly hope he may be successful in his efforts.

The need and importance of the continuous education of the public on the lines of public health and prophylaxis is well illustrated by the formation of an anti-vaccination society in this city. At some of the meetings of this society this year, some practising physicians made statements (or were reported to have made them according to daily papers, April 10th) so wide of the truth that they showed a most lamentable ignorance of the whole history of the subject.