

# PROVINCIAL MEDICAL BOARD OF NOVA SCOTIA

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

**O**WING to the assistance afforded by the work of the Education Committee, the Board during the past year has not been required to hold any but the regular quarterly meetings. The attendance recorded at these meetings has been above the average.

The working of the reciprocity agreement between Great Britain and Nova Scotia has proceeded satisfactorily during the year. Considerable correspondence has taken place between the Registrar and persons seeking information as to the conditions of that agreement and the privileges arising therefrom.

The announcement made last year that a similar arrangement had been finally concluded between Quebec and Great Britain was, it appears, somewhat premature, at least as regards the situation of Quebec, as has been brought out in the course of an extended correspondence between your Registrar and the Council of Physicians and Surgeons, Quebec, and the General Medical Council of Great Britain. An application for registration in Quebec made some time ago by a registered Medical Practitioner holding Nova Scotia qualifications registered in Britain, has been declined or at any rate has not yet been granted. The explanation given by the Council of Physicians and Surgeons, Quebec, to the effect that the modification in their regulations made to meet the agreement with Great Britain could not become operative until approved by legislative enactment seemed reasonable enough at first sight. Beyond that, however, it would appear that the Quebec Council has

twice departed from the understood intention of the original resolution as accepted by the General Medical Council. An important object, indeed perhaps the most important, of these agreements between the individual provinces (and countries) and Great Britain is that by means of such agreements it is intended to accomplish collateral reciprocity between these provinces themselves, and this is indeed an essential part and necessary sequence of all such agreements. The reading of the terms of the agreement in the Council (G. B.) Minutes relating to Quebec provides that the Quebec Council will accept for registration in Quebec all persons registered in the British Register. An official copy of a regulation adopted later by the Quebec Council and referring to this resolution would practically exclude residents of all the other provinces of the Dominion, and the same regulation as finally endorsed by the Quebec legislature is still further amended to exclude all other colonies, and would limit the reciprocity scheme practically to residents of Quebec and Great Britain alone. This action on the part of Quebec will no doubt be dealt with by the General Medical Council, as the candidate referred to has appealed for redress against the decision of the Council of Physicians and Surgeons, Quebec.

The year just terminated has seen the conclusion of the notorious Dyas case. The appeal made by him under the provisions of the special Act (chap. 52, Acts 1908), was dismissed by the judge, who at the same time upheld the decision of the Board in regard to the falsity of Dyas's certifi-