

Professor of Surgery in the University of Queen's College. The appointment would be a most judicious one, and the action of the Executive, would meet the full approval of the profession. Dr. Dickson has been a valued contributor to this journal, and his selection would be beneficial to Queen's College in the important items of Clinical and Pathological Instruction.

In fine, if a strong proof of his peculiar fitness for that office were demanded, all that we require to do is to point to the important chair in the University, whose duties he discharges with such talent, as especially qualifying him for the office. If Dr. Dickson has been deemed worthy to teach "the Principles and Practice of Surgery" in Queen's College, Kingston, we know not, from that fact alone, of any one who could be more deservedly selected to discharge the duties of Surgeon to the Penitentiary in the same city. So far therefore as the influence of the *Medical Press* of the Province extends, we give it most unreservedly in favour of this gentleman's selection to the vacant office, as he possesses all the qualities required in a candidate for such an appointment.

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#### THE VACCINATION ACT.

We are much pleased to perceive that our City Council has moved in the matter of carrying out the provisions of the above Act. The following is a summary of the proceedings held by the Council, and we trust that the example thus set will be followed by the Councils of the other cities mentioned. We understand, however, that the Council has been endeavouring to foist upon the gentlemen whom it has nominated the responsibility of paying for the rooms which they must occupy in the several wards for the purpose of the operation. This is excessively paltry, as the providing of the necessary accommodation is expressly delegated to the Council, and should have been carried out within "three months after the passing of the Act;" thus implying their responsibility for the deed. It is said that "Corporations have no souls," and the adage is verified in this instance, as the Council is attempting an act from which each member would individually shrink. As we read the Act, it is the duty of the Council to provide and pay for the accommodation of its officers.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10, 1861.

The Council again met this evening. Alderman Beaudry, Acting Mayor, in the chair.

#### VACCINATION.

The Health Committee presented the Report in favour of carrying into effect the forced Vaccination Act of last session. We have already published a synopsis of the Act. Dr. F. W. Campbell for the East, Centre, West and St. Lawrence wards, Dr. Leprohon for the St. Anns and St. Antoine wards, and Dr. Ricard for the St. Louis, St. Mary and St. James Wards, are recommended by the Committee as "medical practitioners" as required by the Act. The report was referred to the Finance Committee, as it involved a money appropriation.

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#### SUPPORT OF QUACKERY BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

It is only a few months ago that we felt it our imperative duty to challenge the conduct of certain practitioners of Toronto, in certifying to the marvellous effects, &c., of a Heather Balm. The following which we quote from the