

Canada men, who were in attendance in large numbers expressed their opinions upon the bill. Now, however, as soon as the professional men of Quebec were about to proceed with the task, it was proposed to put off the discussion. He hoped that the present opportunity would not be lost by the assembly of giving an opinion upon the important subject before them. He moved that the chief features of the bill be discussed, and the grave question, as it had been rightly termed, decided, at least as far as the Province of Quebec was concerned.

Dr. C. C. HAMILTON, (Nova Scotia) advocated the discussion being entered upon, and the bill pressed forward as much as possible. It would be a much more difficult matter to have uniform medical legislation fifty years hence than it was to-day. It was only by perseverance any object could be obtained.

Dr. HOWARD pointed out that the bill had been modified to suit the wishes of Ontario, and now was nearly a counterpart of the law in that Province. He believed that they could settle the grave questions at issue in a very short time, and very much more easily than they could ten or twenty years hence.

The amendment was put and lost and the original motion carried, and the Association went into committee, Dr. Marsden, (Quebec,) presiding.

A discussion upon the first clause at once took place, when

The SECRETARY informed the meeting that the first three clauses had been passed a year ago, at one of the meetings of the Association. It was, however, decided to go over them again.

Dr. ROTTOR, (Montreal,) objected to the bill on the ground that it placed the control of the education of medical practitioners in the hands of the Federal Government. Therefore he moved that this Association, although desiring that the laws and regulations concerning the examination and registration of medical men should be uniform and similar in all the provinces of Canada, nevertheless reject the principle of the contemplated Medical Act, which puts the preliminary and medical education under the control of the Federal Government. He was in favor of laying down some basis of education and then leaving each Province to carry it out.

This motion was seconded by Dr. ——— and after some desultory discussion, was rejected by 17 to 11. The hour for adjournment having arrived the Association separated, to meet the following morning at ten o'clock.

#### THE DINNER.

In the evening the members of the medical profession of Montreal entertained the Association to a dinner, in the St. Lawrence Hall. About seventy medical men sat down. The dinner was served in the magnificent style for which the hotel is famous. The chair was occupied by Dr. William E. Scott, President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec, having on his right the Mayor of Montreal, and on his left Dr. C. C. Hamilton, of Nova Scotia, the Vice-chairs being filled by Drs. Peltier and Hingston. The usual loyal toasts were given, as

well as numerous volunteer toasts, and shortly after midnight the party broke up. Music was played during the evening by Gruenwald's splendid orchestra.

#### SECOND DAY.

Session opened at 10 a.m. Dr. Hamilton (N.S.) in the chair.

Dr. MARSDEN moved that the next place of meeting should be St. John, New Brunswick. By the time of the meeting they would have direct communication by steam and rail. New Brunswick would like it, and the Association had not yet met in the Eastern Provinces. He believed that their going there would be attended with very beneficial results, and promote the great cause they had in view. He believed that it would probably hasten the results that they all wished heartily to bring about, though they did not agree as to the details. It might be that they would then be able to mature their project for a medical bill which would be acceptable to the whole of the country.

Dr. HAMILTON, of Ontario, seconded the resolution.

Dr. HINGSTON expressed a hope that at the next meeting the greater part of the time would be devoted to the reading of papers on scientific subjects, and their discussion.

Dr. BOTSFORD (N.B.) said that he was very glad that the proposition had come from Dr. Marsden that the next place of meeting should be St. John, N.B. When he left St. John he was told to urge that city should be selected as the next place of the meeting. There was one advantage in the selection of St. John, that the weather was more cool than in the interior of the country, and they could offer as good accommodation as any part of the country, for the hotels there were equal to any other in the Dominion. By selecting the Maritime Provinces they would enjoy a pleasant trip, and would at the same time be able to attend to their business. In conclusion he stated that he could say on authority that by next year the communication would be direct either by steam or rail.

The resolution was then put and carried.

Dr. TRENHOLM stated that at the last meeting he had given notice of a motion to change the time of meeting. He believed that September was a very inconvenient month for "the great majority of practitioners."

A good deal of discussion ensued upon this question, many expressing the view that it was impolitic to settle the time of meeting definitely, that it should depend to a certain extent upon the place of meeting. It was finally decided that next year the Association should meet the first Wednesday in August, and a notice of motion to change the time again next year was given.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following gentlemen to the Association for office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

Dr. James A. Grant, M.P., Ottawa, President.

Dr. McDonald, of Hamilton, Vice-President for the Province of Ontario.