

forth, who are driven away and are a total loss, yielding no return whatever? What do we see? The medical profession, as the law and the pulpit, filled with decayed school teachers, the official life of whom, educated not by their own pockets, but by the public, is only some three or four years; professions filled by men who study while they teach and cost the country good honest money, for what? Merely to serve their own ends and satisfy their own ambitions. And as a result, every village, town and city filled to repletion with professional men working for starvation wages, and all professions equally lowered and degraded. Towns of five, six or seven thousand inhabitants with eight, ten and twelve medical men, when one-third could easily do the work. A notice in the paper calling for a teacher, and we find one hundred or more applicants, and go where you will in the neighbouring republic you find Canadian teachers and Canadian doctors.

As a profession we do not endeavor to correct this state of affairs, we do not offer opportunities for expansion within our own boundaries. While pretending to elevate the profession and make entrance more difficult, we are not succeeding. All is mere pretence. What is our Medical Council doing in the professional interest? Simply nothing. It professes to make examinations more difficult. Look at the Board of Examiners. Compare it with those of fifteen or twenty years ago. What does it tell you? Simply that the pretence is a fraud, that the *personnel* of that board is not as high as it was formerly. We know that medical men are required in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, the North-West, British Columbia. Is there really any advance being made in Interprovincial registration? Is anything really being done to open the doors and enlarge the field to our graduates, and lessen congestion here? Nothing. We all know these Provincial Examining Boards are arrant frauds: we all know that a few men get together and form a board to prevent trespassing on their preserves and to fill their individual pockets with fees from the new comers. They have not colleges in which to prepare students, but they collect toll; and why should this continue? Our colleges, too, are soliciting in every questionable and unquestionable manner, by circular and otherwise, for what? Sordid gain and that only, and the weakness of our Medical Council is, as Dr. Sangster says, College Control. There is one matter more which I think deserves concerted action, and that is every bottle of proprietary medicine should have on the outside wrapper the names and quantity of ingredients of which it is composed. And our Legislature should be asked to make this law, not in justice to the profession, but to those who purchase and use. I take it that this town is no exception: here we have an army of itinerant quacks.