

Provincial Board at its May meeting in 1882, passed a resolution approving of a bill then before the Provincial Parliament dealing with the great subjects of Public Health and Vital Statistics, and respectfully recommending the Legislature to give the principles of the bill its most serious consideration. Perhaps in no way, outside the discharge of their professional duties to their patients, can members of the College and of the Provincial Board do more for the general good than by using their respective personal and official influence with our legislators to pass laws dealing with questions of public health and vital statistics.

During the session of the Provincial Legislature held in 1882, a few amendments to the Medical Act were suggested by the gentleman who was acting as the legal adviser of the College, intended to facilitate the methods of procedure in the courts against persons infringing the provisions of the Act. These amendments will be found in the 2nd, 6th, 23rd, 28th and 32nd sections of the existing Act; and another at the end of section 15, which was based upon a resolution of the Provincial Board, passed at a semi-annual meeting. This last amendment secured the important principle that medical students shall attend a course of lectures during the fourth year of their professional studies, and shall not pass an examination upon the great final subjects of the curriculum until the close of the session of their fourth year.

These several amendments were submitted to the Governors residing in Quebec and Montreal; and having received their approval were introduced by the Hon. Mr. Mercier, and were passed by the Legislature.

A correspondence having appeared in the public papers some time ago to the effect that private examinations are given by Professors connected with a medical school in this Province, and that on these examinations, certificates are issued purporting that the bearers are entitled to a diploma, and are in fact medical practitioners, a Committee of the Governors was charged with the duty of investigating the statements, and it is gratifying to be able to report that no evidence could be elicited to sub-