

REGISTRATION ACT OF UPPER CANADA.

An Act to regulate the qualifications of Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery in Upper Canada.

We are much pleased to perceive that the Bill to which we adverted in our first number, has been introduced into the Legislative Assembly by the Hon. Mr. Cayley, and read for the first time on the 21st March. We have not yet learned that it has passed its second reading and been referred to a Committee. The more that we have studied the Bill, the more are we satisfied with it as a measure, and the best one which could have been devised, for placing the profession in that position in the sister Province which its merits so urgently demand for it. It is a Registration Act to all intents and purposes, and has evidently for its basis the Medical Registration Act of Great Britain. For years and years, has our sister Profession in the Upper Province appeared before the Legislature seeking at its hands the enactment of measures calculated to improve its condition and promote its interests. Humiliating as the confession is, it has to be stated however, that the deaf ear has hitherto always been turned to the petitions of the Profession, while the veriest quackery had but to speak the word, and every wish has been granted. It is a strange fact, no less true than strange. Here, however, is a measure upon which the voices of the Profession to a man are united, and we will see in a short time to what extent the Legislature will bestow its consent. We are certainly at a loss to perceive on what grounds it can reasonably withhold it. A like measure is much needed in this division of the Province. We are satisfied that it would meet with general approval here also. And, as we cannot doubt that it will pass the Legislature, it will remain for the Profession here to follow the example, and obtain a measure similar in principle, but modified in certain of the details to adapt it to this country.

VACCINATION ACT.

An Act to provide for the more general adoption of the practice of Vaccination.

Among the various enactments laid before Parliament affecting the Profession and the public, few are more important than the present one. The alarming prevalence of Small Pox both in the city and country districts, calls for some active legislation, and if this Bill is defective in one point, it is that its measures are to be confined only to the chief towns of the Province, Quebec, Three Rivers St. Hyacinthe, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and London. Perhaps it is the difficulty which would be experienced in carrying the details into practice, which has prevented the application of the measure to the Country Districts. While we write, Small Pox is spreading throughout the village and country surrounding Henryville, and we have heard it is equally rife in other places. The Bill contains ten clauses of which the following may be deemed an epitome. No public money to be paid to any Hospital which has not a separate ward as a Small Pox ward. The Council of the several cities named to enter into contracts with qualified Medical Practitioners for the vaccination of children in the