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COMMENT FROM MONTH TO MONTH.

Politics and General Elections are of no particular concern to the medical profession, but the advent of a new Federal Government will bring into view new men and new situations. Bright and keen themselves to institute reforms, the time will be opportune for the Canadian Medical Association to reopen the negotiations for the consolidation of the various medical services at present administered under five different departments of the Crown.

It would seem scarcely necessary to point out the anomalous condition of affairs, wherein one, if not the leading department, is administered under the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, another, under the authority of Inland Revenue, another under the Department of the Interior, and so on. It has been long recognized that confusion is the result of this diffusion of service, and that better administration would accrue by a consolidation of the services under one department, administered by a responsible minister.

Whilst we are bound to say that the Laurier Government always listened freely and courteously to the advances made by the Canadian Medical Association and promised consideration, it was commonly understood that the difficulty in carrying out these urgent and desired recommendations and reforms was due to inter-de-