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## DOMINION MEDICAL COUNCIL ACT.

By THE EDITOR.

THE thanks of the entire medical profession of Canada is due to Dr. Roddick for his efforts in connection with the important question of a Dominion Medical Council. Dr. Roddick has struggled on for years; and now sees his efforts crowned with success, so far as it was possible for him to go in the new direction.

The Act in itself is a very important and valuable one. It does not interfere with provincial rights in the least. There is a clause in the Act to the effect that the several Provincial Legislatures must approve of the terms of the Act. When this is done, the Dominion Council, as arranged for in the Act, comes into operation. It is to be sincerely hoped that the Provincial Legislatures will lose no time in enacting such a measure as will make effective Dr. Roddick's Act.

The Act is comprehensive in its scope. When all the Provinces have approved of it, a vast step will have been taken onwards in Medical Education and the status of the medical profession. The CANADA LANCET gives its many readers the text of the Act. It is, perhaps, the most important Act that has ever been passed in Canada, so far as the medical profession is concerned. It will have much influence in binding the Provinces more closely together into a United Dominion, and the Dominion with Great Britain. The union of the medical profession of Canada into one harmonious body, and them with that of Britain, will wield no small weight in the Empire's affairs. It can truly be said of Dr. Roddick, as was said of Christopher Wren, "Si monumentum requiris, circumspice."

### THE ACT.

An Act to provide for the establishment of a medical Council in Canada.

HIS Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *The Canada Medical Act, 1902.*

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:—

(a) The Expression "medicine" shall be held to include surgery and obstetrics and to exclude veterinary surgery, and the expression "medical" shall be held to include "surgical" and "obstetrical."