

Dr. H. G. Mackid, of Calgary, has been appointed medical superintendent of the western division of the C.P.R. extending from Broadview, Sask., to Field, B.C., and all branch lines in that area.

The Western Provinces are moving for Interprovincial Reciprocity. As there is no prospect of that the *Roddick Act* will come into operation for some time, the Western Provinces are trying to agree upon a basis of reciprocity among themselves.

The Alberta Medical Association will meet this year in Calgary on August 18th, 19th, and 20th. This date will enable many who may be going to attend the Canadian Medical Association Meeting in Winnipeg to take in the meeting in Calgary as well.

Dr. W. J. Bechtel, of Lille, Alta., has succeeded in his appeal against the medical council of that Province. Last August his name was removed from the register. After hearing the arguments in the case, Chief Justice Sifton ordered that his name be restored. The council has to pay the costs of the action.

The *Western Medical Journal* in its issue of April is strongly favoring the formation of a western Medical Association to aid in elevating the standard of the medical profession in every way, and in looking after its interests. It is claimed that a strong medical association in the West would aid in making the profession of the Western Provinces second to none in the world.

FROM ABROAD.

There are 21 general hospitals in Egypt with 2,133 beds. The in-patients in 1908 numbered 33,241. There were 181,580 out-patients.

Dr. Gerald Francis Yeo, for many years Professor of Physiology in King's College, London, died at the age of 64 a short time ago.

The total number of births in Scotland last year was 131,337, and the deaths were 77,849, showing a natural increase of 52,875.

At the Liverpool Medical Society Drs. Marsh and O. T. Williams gave a report of cases of meningococcic meningitis treated by Flexner's serum. The results on the whole, very good.

The population in France is decreasing each year, while that of Germany is increasing by 1,000,000. In France the birth-rate is less than the death-rate, whereas in Germany the opposite is the case.

A careful study of the school children of Glasgow shows that their physical development and health is in direct ratio to the social status as to comfort of the families from which they come.

Dr. William Osler was the guest of honor at the medical and surgical meeting a short time ago. New hall was dedicated, known as the Osler Hall. It contains ample room for 60,000 books.