

for the Nova Scotian people and the profession of our sister Province, it would be the fact that De C. is around there, seeking what he may devour. Ten years ago he was perambulating the suburbs of our cities, and the country districts, where he used to collect crowds in the streets, and spout upon the care of the teeth; cleaning discoloured teeth with nitric acid, filling front cavities with filthy amalgam, extracting useful masticators wholesale, to insert the worst kind of artificial work. In 1863 he was unable to make a set of teeth, and engaged a Montreal dentist to work upon his cases, and finally finding the country too hot for him, and after utterly destroying valuable dentures and disfiguring hundreds of people for life, he disappeared one morning, to the sorrow of his landlady, and to the grief of his "friends." De C. is a small man physically, but he was giant humbug when in this Province, and judging from his advertisement, we should say that his reputation in that respect has not at all diminished.

As the only organ of the dental profession in the Dominion, we appeal the intelligence of the Nova Scotia Legislature, in behalf of those dentists who aim to elevate the social and scientific character of the dental profession in Nova Scotia and to protect the public from the imposture of dental quacks. The Provinces of Ontario and Quebec now enjoy this protection, and the De C's., Stewarts and Edwards have left or are leaving for—perhaps Nova Scotia. We are much surprised that intelligent people anywhere cannot or do not appreciate the importance of protecting the public from the quackery and robbery of dental as well as medical charlatans. Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, Delaware, &c., have or are about to have legal protection, and perhaps when Nova Scotia is overrun with the imposters who find their occupation gone elsewhere; perhaps when reputable practitioners have left the field disgusted, and plausible quacks remain to treat important members of the human body such as the teeth, perhaps then the Upper House of Nova Scotia may have good cause to regret their vote upon their dental bill. We appeal to them now, to redeem the intelligence of their Province, and give a mutual protection to the public and the dental profession.

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THE VALUE OF DENTAL LEGISLATION.

When the dental bill for Quebec was passed, certain wisecrackers looked knowingly, and pooh-poohed the whole affair, as of no more