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BRITISH REGISTRATION.

A good deal of dissatisfaction exists in this Province at the present time on account of the way the law stands for the registration of certain British practitioners. The Medical Act of 1886 and amended Acts give power to the Medical Council of British Columbia to examine all persons who wish to practise medicine in this Province, provided they can show diplomas from some college that required a course of study of three years, and on the payment of a fee of one hundred dollars. This law has been applied to all graduates hitherto, whether British or not; but latterly a practitioner from the east, who was in the British Medical Register of 1886, refused to submit to the examination, and on the Council denying him registration, took legal proceedings to force it to do so. He was sustained by the courts on the grounds that all persons registered in Great Britain previous to 1886 are legally entitled to practise in the colonies, subject, we believe, to any local laws that may exist in these places. We believe this is a very unfair law, as it places a class of practitioners on a footing to which we think they are not entitled. All registered British practitioners who had the misfortune to have been enrolled after 1886 must submit to all the regulations, and the

same may be said with regard to our own Canadian graduates who wish to practise their profession in their own country. How to remedy the matter is the question for consideration. We are of the opinion that a general law for the Dominion would be a move in the right direction, as it is a great hardship for medical men when moving from one province to another to have to pass examinations and pay high fees whenever they wish to change their location. If Canadian practitioners were allowed registration in Great Britain on the presentation of their diplomas, with the privileges which the same brings with it, it would be some compensation for the rights now granted by the present British Medical Act. It was understood at the time of the passing of that Act that some provisions were made with this object in view, but whether anything practical has come out of it we have not yet learned. If any of our readers can enlighten us we would be glad to hear from them.

We have a large number of British practitioners in this Province who are most estimable gentlemen and able practitioners, but we do not think that they are any more in favour of the discrimination we speak of than their fellow-practitioners who possess only Canadian qualifications. As things are, however, this anomaly must be borne with patiently till some remedy can be devised for its removal.

The associate editor of the JOURNAL in British Columbia greets his fellow-practitioners in the Province and wishes them all the compliments of the season. In taking upon himself this department he did so very reluctantly, and it was only on the promise that ample assistance would be given him that he consented to do so. We think that this department can be fully utilized by the British Columbia practitioners. It will be a medium of communication between the various members of the profession, which cannot fail to be both interesting and useful. We trust that every member of the profession in this Province will contribute something to its columns every month. To those in the far east to whom British Columbia is a sort of a *terra incognita*, a knowledge of how things medical are flourishing out here should at least be interesting, if for nothing else than on the ground