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. Medical Items.

The summer course of lectures at McGill University was largely attended, and closed on the 11th July instant.

A number of medical gentlemen proceeded to Quebec on the 28th instant, to confer with the Committee of the House of Assembly touching the new Medical Bill. It is strange they were all University Professors; there was not a single individual representing the outside profession.

John B. Lawford, M.D., C.M., McGill University, 1879, passed his primary professional examination before the Royal College of Surgeons, of England, for the diploma as member, on the 9th inst.

David F. Gurd, M.D., C.M., McGill University, 1879, passed before the Royal College of Physicians, of London, and received the License of the College on the 9th inst.