

known Medical faculties of the different Canadian Universities, would, we feel convinced, rebel against being compelled to undergo an examination before a Board of Medical officers of the regular army. We are proud of being connected with the Volunteer Medical service, but, had we to enter it again, under such a general order, we would absolutely refuse. Upon what are the Candidates to be examined? upon the general principles and practice of the profession. If so, then, we say, and we certainly mean no disrespect to our brethren of the regular service, that the chances are, from the nature of things, that the candidate is equally well-posted as the examiner. To compel a private practitioner, soliciting a commission in the Volunteer service to undergo an examination before either Surgeons or Assistant-Surgeons of the regular service, is to stop all such applications, and leave the Volunteer service without a Medical staff, for we assure the Government, the profession will not submit to any such examination. If the examination is to be upon the nature of Military Hospital duties, and the nature of Military Returns, it is useless, for from experience on the frontier during the recent Fenian excitement, we assert, that any Medical man can get into the routine (of which, heaven knows there is too much), after twenty-four hours' experience. We are aware this Order has created much feeling among the Medical profession, and we beg of the Militia department to consider what they are doing. The other day, a practitioner from the country called upon us with reference to this matter; he said,—“they are organizing a battalion in my place, and they wish me to take the Surgeoncy, but, according to the recent Order, I would have to pass an examination. The idea of me, after thirty years' practice, going before a Board! I won't do it.” Such is the tenor also of letters which have reached us. We feel, however, that it is the duty of the Government to adopt means to keep out of the Volunteer service, those not properly qualified, and those who may have adopted an illegitimate mode of practising their profession, thus shutting themselves out from being regular practitioners in good standing, and given themselves right and title to the name of “*quack*.” It is due to the members of the Volunteer service that means should be adopted to prevent the admission of such persons into the ranks. We would, therefore, suggest that two Boards be formed, one at Montreal, and one at Toronto, to be selected from the Surgeons of the Volunteer Corps of these cities, and that, to them should be submitted the names of applicants for Surgeons or Assistant-Surgeons, with their qualifications. If the qualifications are all that is to be desired, the candidate named, to be recommended for his commission. In conclusion, we can assure the Government, that the profession will never submit to the general order we have quoted, and the sooner it is rescinded the better.