

lessened if a better standard of education with manual training were exacted of matriculants, I venture to predict that before many years such a course will be the standard adopted by all the best schools. We will then have the satisfaction of seeing our profession, which was in its infancy half a century ago, ranking side by side for educational requirements with the best of the old and the learned professions, and I submit that whether it be national standard or elevation of college course and curriculum, anything which tends to set dentistry more securely upon the footing of a learned profession will tend to rid it of many of the quakeries which evidence the ignorant, greedy commercial rather than the professional spirit.

The plan proposed for reaching the desired end is as follows:

By an Act of the Dominion Parliament the Dominion Dental Council could be incorporated, which Council would be made up of members of the profession from the different provinces, and should have power to register or grant diplomas to all who comply with its requirements as to education and proficiency.

The Council could be well made up as follows:

1st. One dentist from each Province, including the North-West Territories, to be appointed by the Governor-General in Council.

2nd. One member of medical or dental profession from each province, including the North-West Territories, to be appointed by the Dental Association or Board of Directors of each Province or North-West Territory.

3rd. One member of the Faculty of each Dental College in the Dominion to be appointed by such Faculty.

4th. The Chairman or President of each Provincial or Territorial Examining Board.

The meeting for such Councils for Examinations to be held annually at such a point as the Council may select, Montreal, Toronto or Winnipeg.

It is not intended that the establishment of the Dominion Council shall do away with the present Provincial Examination Boards, nor is it within the power of Parliament to enact any such legislation, but it is reasonably to be expected that the diploma issued by the Council shall have ready recognition in all parts of the Dominion, and that the presentation of such diploma accompanied by certificates of good character and good standing and the required fee, will call for the issuance of a license by any Provincial or Territorial Examining Board. In order that the Provincial Associations may so recognize the diplomas of the Dominion Dental Council, it will in some cases be necessary to