

Again we have the mooted question of reciprocity before us. This time it emanates from the West. A few years ago the "Roddick" Bill was the favorite, but on account of **Confederation** objections from the Boards representing the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec no advance was made past a certain stage. This Bill of Dr. Roddick's contained a reciprocity feature covering a Dominion examination and license. Now we have a proposition of a Board of Examiners representing the four Western Provinces.

Before a gathering of the profession in Winnipeg a short time ago Dr. R. G. Brett presented an address: "Some Aspects of the Medical Profession in the West." The most important subject treated and discussed was reciprocity. In a personal communication from Dr. Brett we quote:

"I may say that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba has appointed two delegates to join with delegates from Alberta and we hope also from Saskatchewan and British Columbia to discuss the question of confederation of the four Provinces for examination and licensing purposes. The scheme as you will see is not merely a question of reciprocity, it is to have the four Western Provinces surrender their examining functions and merge it into one examination. This in my opinion will give a standing to the profession in these four Western Provinces both at home and abroad much greater than could be obtained by individual examining restrictions."

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Before proceeding further, it will be wise to ponder: What change is really required or wanted and for what purpose? For instance, if we proceed on the line indicated in Dr. Brett's communication, the question of reciprocity should be eliminated, because **Merger or Inter-Provincial Registration** in the scheme submitted, this subject is not touched upon. The plan laid before us is to all intents and purposes a merger or an agreement, and has to do only with the examination and the licensing of candidates by a Board of Examiners composed of members representing each of the Provinces, who will conduct