

### A Serious Question.

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The profession in Ontario is to be congratulated on the steady educational progress being made, and the fact that in spite of imperfections to which every institution is heir, and possibly mistakes from which few, if any, have been free, the representative bodies show an honest earnestness, without the least suspicion of partiality. It is evident, however, that the business of making dentists is progressing too fast, and that the supply is already far beyond the demand, the result being a serious and in many cases a shameful lowering of fees, and the inevitable degeneracy of skill. No man will continue giving ten dollars' worth for two, unless he is a knave and has some dodge in reserve, or a fool who has not sense enough to see the certain ruination before him. We are gathering materials for a public exposure of the "Cheap Jack," and will be under obligations for assistance from those who are familiar with facts. We hope to be able to show that the public is being badly swindled by this class, while the profession has already received a blow from which it will take years to recover. It has now become a question if something should not be done to slacken the rate at which men are crowding into a profession already overcrowded.

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### Post-Card Dots.

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29. When is the latest date upon which the annual due must be paid to the Dental Associations of Ontario and Quebec?

Ontario : On or before the 1st November.

Quebec : On or before the 3rd day of next September, when the regular meeting will be held for the election of a new Board.

30. Is there any provincial difficulty in the way of educational reciprocity between the provinces of Canada?

The provinces of Canada can only legislate for their own provincial interests respectively. They may legislate against each other ; and while they may legislate for each other, their jurisdiction is really limited to their own boundaries. This provincial autonomy has its weakness as well as its strength. One province, backward by reason of local circumstances which time alone can remove, may be utterly unable to educate its students and yet legislate against all education elsewhere. The province having the highest standard, preliminary and final, is justified in legislating against lower standards. The "difficulty" is to raise the other provinces to that standard. That is entirely their own business. When it is done, reciprocity can be better discussed.