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THIS number completes the volume for 1891. The year has been one in which considerable of interest to the medical profession of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island has occurred.

First, in point of time, was the attainment of this journal to the dignity of a monthly. Then, early in the year, came the first instalment of Nova Scotia's and New Brunswick's share of Koch's lymph, the experience of which, alas, did not occasion a demand for long continued supplies. A proposal of the Nova Scotia Provincial Medical Board to institute an annual tax of from one to three dollars, to provide a fund for maintaining the efficiency of the Board in prosecuting illegal practitioners, &c., &c., did not meet with sufficient evidence of approval by the profession, to encourage the Board to secure the sanction of the Legislature to its adoption.

The Hon. W. J. Almon, M. D., of Halifax, in his day holding for a time probably, the leading position in his profession in the city, signalized his complete withdrawal from the active

work of the profession by his retirement from the consulting staff of the Victoria General Hospital, and was tendered a complimentary dinner by the remaining members of the Board. Three Maritime Province men, Hamilton of New Brunswick, and Hattie and W. S. Morrow of Nova Scotia, were in the order named the first three men in the final year exams. at McGill University.

The month of July witnessed the inauguration and first annual meeting of the Maritime Medical Association, held in St. John, Dr. Wm. Bayard being the first president; and in Charlottetown was held the first regular meeting for the discussion of scientific and other subjects of the P. E. Island Medical Association, which was organized in the previous year. Both meetings were a success. The meeting in St. John was very much enjoyed by those present, and encouraged bright hopes for the complete success of the Association. Prince Edward Island with a Medical Board and a Provincial Association, has placed herself in line with her sister provinces.

DATING from Jan. 1st, 1892, the subscription price of the News will be reduced to one dollar. For what the News is—how far it justifies its existence—the editors, and especially the managing editor, must accept much of the responsibility. But it is also true that the News will be a good deal what its constituency is interested enough to make it. For our part we intend to make a strong effort to very much improve the journal, having it for example contain more short condensed paragraphs of practical value to the general practitioner. Our readers, however, may do much, too, to enhance its interest. We would like more short original articles from the leading men in the provinces, and we would much appreciate it if our friends would inform us of matters of interest occurring within their notice; the movements of medical men, removals, deaths, existence of local epidemics. The News is entirely independent, perfectly free from sectional prejudices