

completed their organization, selected July 1st, 1913, as the first day of registration for practitioners holding provincial diplomas for ten years or more, and appointed October 10th to 17th, 1913, at Montreal, as the time and place for the first examination under the Act. It must have been particularly pleasing to Dr. Roddick to have been present at and to have witnessed, in his own well-loved University of McGill, and in his own city of Montreal, the holding of the first examination under the new Act.

Now that the Dominion Medical Council is an accomplished fact it is merely a mild expression of the truth to say that only a big man would have tackled the job and that only a big man could have brought it to a successful issue. If ever a man deserved the gratitude of the medical men of Canada, that man surely is Dr. T. G. Roddick. I trust that a resolution, expressive of the appreciation of this association for service done, will be presented to Dr. Roddick before the sessions close.

In the official programme which you have in your hands you will see that notice of motion has been given for the separation of this association from the Canadian Medical Association. The Provincial Association of Ontario was the first to affiliate with the National Association and all the other Provinces, with the exception of Quebec, have followed her good example. Is Ontario to be the first to separate, and will the other Provinces follow her bad example? President after president of yours, in his annual address, has urged the formation of city and county associations all over the Province. You are going to have a report on that very subject to-day, and that such associations become affiliated with the Provincial Association, just as the Provincial Associations are affiliated with the National; and further, that membership in the city and county associations would entitle to membership in the Provincial Association, just as membership in the Provincial Association would entitle to membership in the National. Thus the various medical associations of the whole Dominion would be cemented together by bonds of common interest. Was the whole scheme as laid before you by your former presidents a possibility, or was it merely a beautiful dream? The whole scheme will be guillotined, its head cut off, as it were, if this association approve of the motion of separation of which notice has been given. We do not disagree with the advocates of separation, who say that affiliation has worked in some respects to the disadvantage of the association, but surely there have been some compensating advantages, if our agreement with the national association, made at the time of affiliation, has worked to our disadvantage, if we have grievances, as I believe we have, if we have suffered in the loss of our annual meetings of 1910 and 1913, and also in our