

The New Brunswick Act Unpatriotic if not Unconstitutional.

It would appear as if it was within the power of the Provincial Legislature to oblige New Brunswickers who wish to become dentists in their own Province, to go to the United States or elsewhere to obtain their education, simply because the appointed dental "council" do not wish to take upon themselves the work of examiners, which the incorporated bodies even of British Columbia and the North-West Territories have patriotically assumed. We believe the legislation is not only unwise in the present and future interests of New Brunswick, but unpatriotic and altogether *unnecessary*; and we trust that proper representations will induce the Legislature to remodel it, and to insist that the profession asking legislative protection for themselves, shall give the people of New Brunswick that public protection which only a Provincial Board of Examiners can secure. An effort was made to compel every one who was practising at the passage of the Act, to obtain a degree from some school of dentistry; thus forcing them to give up practice and go abroad for the purpose. It did not seem to strike the promoters, who possessed foreign degrees, that there was any intolerance in this procedure, but the Legislature wisely protected those who had been in established practice since the 1st of January, 1889. The attempt to legislate a man out of business as well as out of New Brunswick, was not a whit more tyrannical, than the power the Council now holds to legislate a student *out of the Province* to get his education; and we take decided exceptions to the following clause of the Act: "No person shall be entitled to registration under this Act unless he shall satisfy the Registrar by proper evidence that he has fulfilled all the requirements for graduation *in any one of the colleges or dental schools in the United States of America*, recognized by the National Association of Dental Faculties, or in any other college or dental school recognized by the Council."

Now, there is no probability that a New Brunswicker, wishing to study dentistry, will go to England or France, where there are dental schools; and as the school in Toronto is distinctively for the local purposes of Ontario students, the New Brunswickers would be forced to go to the United States. We should just as