

scheme had to be abandoned owing to the enormous expense involved, and the feeling that the examinations would lack uniformity. While Montreal has been chosen as the centre for the present year only, it is not unlikely that the idea of selecting one town in place of four will prevail in the future; and while there are seven teaching centres in the Dominion, at any one of which the examinations could be held, those having the greater clinical facilities may reasonably be preferred, and a system of rotation established. It is probable that the examination of Laval University students will always take place in Montreal or Quebec.

The register of the Medical Council of Canada will be opened on July 1st of this year. This was considered a propitious date, being the anniversary of the confederation of the provinces; and thus the anniversary of the confederation of the provinces and that of the medical profession in Canada would run concurrently. Those who have been ten years in practice may register, therefore, on July 1st. Section 18, sub-section 2, of the Act reads: "Any person who has received a license or certificate of registration in any province previous to the date when the Council has been first duly constituted under this Act and who has been engaged in the active practice of medicine in any one or more provinces of Canada, shall after ten years from the date of such license or certificate be entitled to be registered under this Act as a medical practitioner without examination, upon payment of the fees and upon compliance with the other conditions and regulations for such cases prescribed by the Council; provided that, if the medical council of any province is not satisfied with the period of years prescribed by this sub-section, such medical council may, as a condition to provincial registration, exact an examination in the final subjects from practitioners registered under this sub-section and the said examination shall be held according to the provisions of the by-laws or rules of the respective provincial council."

Under this section, any medical practitioner who has been licensed or has received a certificate, in any province prior to the date of the constitution of the Council, and has been engaged in the active practice of medicine, after ten years—part of which may elapse before the Council was constituted—may become entitled to apply for and receive a license. Consequently, the candidate who has been in active practice and has been licensed for nine years and six months at the date when the Council was constituted will have to wait for six months, and may then apply for registration without examination. Concerning the proviso, it was distinctly understood at the meeting that this would be exacted by one province only, namely British Columbia.