

Whereas, in consequence of the provisions of the Acts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, known as the "Medical Acts," medical and surgical practitioners, who are by the law of a province of Canada entitled to practise the profession in such province, cannot obtain the benefits of registration under the said Acts, inasmuch as by the said provisions, the qualifications required for such registration must be regulated by the Parliament of Canada ; and

Whereas, medical and surgical practitioners, duly registered according to the law of one province of Canada, cannot legally practise in another province without being duly registered in such other province ; and

Whereas, serious practical inconveniences both to the public and to medical and surgical practitioners have arisen from the above cause ; and

Whereas, it is desirable to assimilate, and, if possible, to unify the various standards of qualification established by the several provinces of Canada as conditions of admission to the study of the profession and to the practice thereof, such assimilation and unification being best attained by the establishment of some central authority with power to hold examinations of, and to establish and maintain a system of medical registration of, such persons as desire to practise the profession in more than one province of Canada ; and

Whereas, it is not within the legislative jurisdiction of the provinces of Canada to establish such central authority, the jurisdiction of such provinces being restricted to the limits of the province and to provincial objects only ; and

Whereas, it is expedient to constitute a corporation in which the legislatures of the various provinces may, if they see fit so to do, vest such powers as are necessary to effect the above purposes, and the other purposes mentioned in this Act ; and

Whereas, the appointment of such an authority is for the general benefit of Canada, and would promote the advancement of medicine and surgery throughout the Dominion of Canada ; therefore be it

Resolved, that this association heartily approves of the proposed scheme which the committee has formulated and presented at this meeting ; and further resolved, that Dr. Roddick be empowered and requested to continue his efforts to have the scheme completed and carried into effect, by such legislation as may be found necessary.

Dr. McNeill (Prince Edward Island) seconded the motion of Dr. Williams, and stated that the movement had his hearty support.

Sir James Grant, Sir William Hingston, Dr. N. A. Powell (Toronto), Dr. Powell (Ottawa), Dr. Harrison (Selkirk, Ont.), and Dr Lafferty (Calgary, N. W.T.), spoke to the resolution.