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We beg to intimate to our readers that we have secured the services of William Canniff M.D., M. R. C. S., England, who has kindly consented to act as corresponding Editor for the Province of Ontario. We are desirous of obtaining the co-operation of gentlemen from each of the Provinces in the Dominion so as to give to this work a national character and with that end in view have written to members of the profession in the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Corresponding Editors are requested to secure from members of the profession in their immediate vicinity papers on practical subjects for publication in the pages of this journal. These papers should be forwarded to us before the 15th day of each month, to insure their appearances in the ensuing number. All manuscript sent addressed to the Editors Canada Medical Journal with a wrapper and having marked thereon "manuscript for the printer" will be transmitted by post, if pre-paid, at the same rate as that charged for news papers. Dr. Canniff's residence is at Belleville, Ontario.

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## THE NOTMAN ABORTION CASE.

Abortion is a crime, we believe of comparative rare occurrence in Canada, yet the discovery of a case now and again, proves that we are not entirely exempt. It is true our population has a horror of the crime, still it is a little surprising that with the United States so near to us, where the facilities afforded for its perpetration are so well known, that we have so little of it. Unfortunately our neighbors—the mass of them—do not look with that detestation upon abortion that we do, and it consequently has taken such deep root, as to have become a matter of grave concern to the Medical profession there. A volume on the diseases of women, by Professor Thomas of New York, issued this month, contains the somewhat startling announcement, that one of the most respectable newspapers of that city, one which finds its way into the first circles of society—contained in a recent issue no less than fifteen advertisements of well known professional abortionists—men and