

Some of the visitors from other countries added much to the interest of the meeting by reading papers and taking part in various discussions. Among these were Mr. Mayo Robson and Dr. Jap Sinclair of England, Dr. Dudley of Chicago, Dr. Mayo of Minnesota, and Dr. McKenzie of Portland, Oregon. The courtesies extended to all by the local profession were beyond description in the small space at our disposal, and were very highly appreciated:

CANADIAN MEDICAL PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

The recent report of this Association is in some respects discouraging. Although it has been in existence for three years, the total membership is now only 288, including the following numbers in the different provinces: Ontario, 217; Quebec, 29; Nova Scotia, 8; New Brunswick, 10; Manitoba, 4; North-West Territories, 5; British Columbia, 15. The President, Dr. Powell, thinks, however, we may continue on our present lines for another year at least.

According to the solicitor's report, the Association during the last year has taken charge of six cases of alleged malpractice. The Committee have been careful in all cases to make inquiries as to the merits of the case, and have undertaken no defence where the defendant's actions were blameworthy. Thus far they have only declined to defend in one case, in which they advised the member to settle, because from his own statements he was in fault.

The Association has always insisted on having the proceedings conducted so far as possible through its own solicitors, who have been given the free hand in appointing agents and counsel to represent them in the cases which have been defended. No trouble has so far arisen excepting in one case in which the member had himself made arrangements for his defence before communicating with the officers of the Association. In this case an arrangement was made by which the Association agreed to contribute towards the expenses of the defence.

If a sufficient number of members join the Association from the different provinces, it will probably be found expedient to