

ardent politicians ; they have contested seven seats in the last Local and Dominion elections. We are sorry to learn that Drs. Robertson and Jenkins have both been unseated owing to some informality.

### Medical Items.

—Mr. Geo. Critchett, the well-known London oculist, died on the 18th ult., aged 65, from cystitis and enlarged prostate. He is succeeded in the same specialty by his son, Mr. Anderson Critchett.

—Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes has resigned the Chair of Anatomy in the Medical School of Harvard University, which he has held since 1847. The *Boston Medical & Surgical Journal* for November 2nd devotes its editorial to a sketch of his work during these thirty-five years.

—Mr. Oscar Clayton, F.R.C.S., has received the honor of knighthood in consideration of his services to the Prince of Wales. Some of the English medical papers consider this the result of Court favouritism only, and hold that many eminent names should have been thus distinguished before the one alluded to.

—The *New York Medical Journal* is to be published weekly, beginning with the New Year, instead of monthly, as hitherto. It will then have large, double-columned pages, affording space for certain new features, whilst its present *resumés* and other departments will be continued.

—The following would appear to be the very first Canadian record of a license to practise medicine in this country :—

“Le 2 Avril 1658, il est accordé une commission de Barbier-Chirurgien qui est plus tard solennellement enregistrée au Conseil Supérieur. C'est le premier diplôme accordé pour la pratique de la médecine en Canada.”

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—Mr. Dujardin-Beaumetz, having had a long experience in the recent epidemic of typhoid in Paris, finds his success from an expectant plan of treatment equal to any of the so-called special methods. Baths give pneumonia. Quinine would be toxic if absorbed in full doses ; but it is not absorbed. Salicylic