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Editorials.

THE B.A. DEGREE REJECTED.

By the overwhelming evidence in favour of the B.A. degree being accepted in lieu of the preliminary examination demanded by the Bar of this Province, the Legislative Assembly was constrained to pass a Bill for its adoption; but as the legislation of this Province cannot be entrusted entirely to that body, the Bill requires to be acted upon by the reverend and grave men who form what is known as the Legislative Council. This sage body, one of whose members, this session, brought forward a Bill—since fallen to the ground—for its entire dissolution, with that wisdom begot of dotage and irresponsibility, deemed it expedient, in the interest of the public over which

they preside, to vote down the Bill. Had the Legislative Council, as the Assembly is, been liable to be called to account for their conduct, the result must have been different. How it is possible, in the face of the petitions sent in to the committee of the Legislative Assembly at Quebec, by this and other Universities of this Province, that any sensible, not to say learned, body of men could reject such a Bill, is incomprehensible, more especially when, in addition, there was the following statement of the Professors and Lecturers in Arts in McGill, comprising, as they do, graduates of nine different Universities in Canada, Europe, and the United States:—

"We, the undersigned, professors and lecturers in the Faculty of Arts of McGill University, desire to express our surprise and regret that any doubt should be thrown on the superiority of the education required for the attainment of the degree of Bachelor of Arts to that necessary for passing the examinations required for admission to study at any of what are called the learned professions. As graduates of many different Universities in different countries, it may be deemed that our opinions on this matter should have some weight; but as additional testimony, we quote the following extract from the regulation for admission to study at the Bar of England: 'Every person not otherwise disqualified who shall have passed a public examination at any University within the British Dominions, shall be entitled to be admitted as a student without passing a preliminary examination.' Thus, much less than the requirements for the B.A. degree, suffice for the English Bar.

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