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THE VALUE OF UPPER OR LOWER CANADA LICENSES FOR PRACTICE
IN EITHER SECTION OF THE PROVINCE.

During the early part of the summer of last year, Dr. Cruikshank, a Licentiate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, of Barrie, Lake Simcoe, had occasion to issue a certificate in favour we believe of a lunatic, for the purpose of facilitating her admission into the asylum. On presentation, the certificate was refused, on the ground that Dr. C. was incompetent to give one, in consequence of not being licensed to practice in Upper Canada. The serious nature of his position naturally alarmed this gentleman, and he instantly opened a correspondence with the office of the Provincial Secretary. On the 7th July, he received a letter from the Assistant Secretary, West, informing him that "a license from the licensing Board of Lower Canada entitled "the holder to practice in Upper Canada as well as in Lower Canada." Strange to say, however, in the course of six weeks afterwards, he received a second letter from the same Assistant Secretary, West, informing him that "the attention of the *Attorney General, West*, had been called to the question," who stated that "that there was some room for doubt," and that "the question is one to be decided by the Courts of Law, and that preceding such decision, any person practising in Upper Canada, on a license from the Licensing Board of Lower Canada alone, must do so on his own responsibility." Dr. Cruikshank placed himself after the reception of such an opinion, in communication with the Montreal Secretary of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, who at the October meeting of the Board at Quebec, submitted the whole correspondence to the Governors, the result having been, "that the President put himself in communication with the Attorney General, East, on the question submitted by Dr. Cruikshank, and to obtain from that officer a precise interpretation of the law upon this point, and hence to establish if the Licentiates of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, have not in virtue of their license, the right to exercise their profession in Upper Canada, without being compelled for that purpose to take out a license for that section of the Province." This act was accordingly performed by the President in a letter to that officer, dated 20th October last, and although the attention of this gentleman was recalled to