

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF
THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Pursuant to advertisement the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, held the Triennial Meeting which would have taken place under the old act, and which it was presumed the College had a right to hold under the new, at the customary place, the town of Three Rivers, on Wednesday, the 11th July last. Several very important questions came up for discussion, but anything like cool and deliberate argument was not permitted. The meeting contained a number of noisy persons who completely forgot that they enjoyed the privileges and position of gentlemen. A stranger would have supposed that he had fallen amongst a lot of roughs who came prepared for a fight. The noisy declamation, the interruption of speakers, the attempt to crush out discussion, the grotesque absurdity of demanding that every speech should be in French, *en Français ! en Français !!* shouted by a babel of voices, was very humiliating, and had to be patiently endured by the more reflecting and sedate members, who sat in silent amasement, not unmingled with disappointment and disgust. Such was the first meeting of the Profession of this Province under the new act, at which all the privileges of membership were accorded to all legally qualified practitioners. We are pained to make these remarks, but we were outraged by the character of the proceedings of that meeting.

We are Canadian by birth and education, our forefathers were English, and we are quite satisfied with the traditions of the old soil. But we still regard, and ever have regarded Canada as our home, our country, of which we have no reason to be ashamed. And if at any time politically we separated from the mother country, which, by-the-way, we should sincerely regret, and by all legitimate means oppose, we should still be satisfied with the name Canadian.

Our country occupies a very considerable space on the World's surface, but as a people, numerically, we are, in comparison with other nations, a mere unit. We cannot afford to split up into