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DR. LATIERIERE'S MEDICAL BILL.

We give below, the substance of this bill, but as we have promised to eschew all questions of a merely party character, we shall refrain from making any observations upon it. It will not meet the evils we spoke of in a former number, for it will bear upon one of our Colonial Universities only, whereas the graduates of the other two, being exempt from examination before the Provincial Board, will thus acquire a great advantage over those of McGill College, and we shall still have the same number of licensing bodies in Canada. The clause referring to military and naval surgeons, comes in very *mal à propos*, at this moment, when the Colleges of Surgeons of England, Ireland, and Scotland, are remonstrating with the Army Medical Board, for dispensing with a surgical diploma as a necessary qualification for admission into the service.

We perceive that our Upper Canada cotemporary advocates but *one* licensing board for that Province. Why does he not go further, and recommend but one for both Provinces:—The members could meet once every half year, alternately at Montreal and Toronto, as at present the Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons meet alternately at Quebec and Montreal. With only one licensing board, we would have *uniformity of medical education*, which can never be maintained with five licensing bodies, for students will flock to that Institution whose curriculum is most easy of completion, and whose terms are most moderate, and hence we shall have a rivalry between our Universities, to furnish the lowest and cheapest modicum of medical instruction, and that institution will become most popular, whose fees are lowest, and whose examinations are most lenient; and a system of touting will be practised all over the country by the agents of these bodies. All this can be obviated by the plan we proposed.

BILL.

An Act to Amend the Law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery, in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it is inexpedient that any person should obtain a license to practise Phy-