

operation their own medical Act, militated against the greater scheme. I am inclined to think that other reasons for its early demise are to be found in the attempt made, practically, to expunge the provincial boards, and also to give a preponderating influence to the universities.

Nothing further was done, however, in this direction, until a very few years since, when, at a meeting of the Canadian Medical Association in Kingston, a committee was formed to discuss and report upon the question of interprovincial registration or some scheme of reciprocity, all with a view to harmonizing the practice of the profession throughout the Dominion, but more especially on the frontier settlements of the various provinces.

Little of a practical character was accomplished until last year, when the committee reported very fully, making among other recommendations the following: "That so soon as the various councils of the Dominion shall establish an examining board of the Dominion, conducted by examiners appointed by the Medical Councils of the several provinces, their candidates passing a successful examination before said board, and obtaining a certificate to that effect, shall be entitled to registration in the several provinces of the Dominion on payment of the registration fee, providing they are not guilty of infamous or disgraceful conduct in a professional respect.

"Your committee desire to recommend that further efforts be made to ascertain the practicability of federal legislation leading to the establishment of a central qualification, which will also place the profession in Canada upon an equal footing with that of Great Britain, and that Dr. Roddick be authorized to take the necessary steps in said matter.

"We further recommend that this Association shall appoint a committee who shall consider and recommend the details as to the number of examiners to be appointed, the method of conducting examinations, the fees to be charged, and other necessary details to bring the aforesaid scheme into active operation, which details the officers of this Association shall, with the foregoing, send to each of the respective councils for approval."

The following were named as a committee to strengthen Dr. Roddick's hands before the Government: Dr. McNeill, Prince Edward Island; Dr. Muir, Nova Scotia; Dr. Walker, New Brunswick; Hon. Dr. Marcell, Quebec; Dr. Williams, Ontario; Dr. Thornton, Manitoba; Dr. Bain, North-West Territories, and Dr. McKechnie, British Columbia.

(The delegates from Quebec on the committee could promise nothing with regard to a central examining board for the Province of Quebec, the universities having already positively refused to surrender their charter rights.)

Feeling the responsibility of this charge, I have been engaged more or less, ever since the meeting, collecting information from various sources (among others from the law officers of the Crown),