

at the old Limestone City, July 1st, 1842. Kingston, though the capital of all Canada, had a population of only 14,000 inhabitants and no local dentist.

The late Dr. D. S. Golary, of this city, made professional visits there when called. Not being favorably impressed with Kingston I went on a prospecting tour; went by boat to Belleville, then to Toronto by stage. I made the acquaintance of a Canadian M.D. who was on a lecturing tour, and who afterwards located at Buffalo as an oculist. He was anxious to make a canvass of the Canadas, and prevailed upon me to join him. We went to Chatham and from there visited every town and city in Ontario, then Upper Canada. Bear in mind there were no railroads in Canada in those days. At Montreal there were three dentists, but only two at Toronto. We found no local dentists in any of the large towns such as London, Woodstock, Brantford, Hamilton, Cobourg, Belleville, nor in any eastern towns. The entire country then depended upon trunk-in-hand itinerants, and the unskilful operations performed by most of them will long be held in remembrance by an outraged community. The country was infested with those quacks, and truly some were curiosities. One came to my rooms and prided himself on having filled seven cavities before breakfast, his patient an apprentice, his office the blacksmith's shop, and his operating chair a wooden horse. A great overgrown denizen introduced himself as Dr. So-and-so, and stated that he was the tooth-puller for all the country, and, to impress me with his importance, he illustrated by that peculiar wrench necessary in the use of the turnkey and said, "*It takes me to yank them out.*" One aspired to plate work; he got as far as the metal mould and then hammered the plate to it; he had no conception of the counter mould and I was mean enough not to help him out. The country people were poor and illiterate. One asked me what is dentistry? What do you do? Allow me to congratulate you and the members of your Society that you are living in this advanced age. Dentistry has within my short recollection worked its way up from comparative quackery to a scientific and honorable calling, and the advance in the art has principally been accomplished through colleges, journals and societies such as you are now holding. I hope you will urge the members of your Society to support the CANADA DENTAL JOURNAL. The noble editor has more than held his own, and much credit is due him for the courageous manner that he has ever wielded the scalpel in ridding the profession of those excrescences that are ever prying upon the community.

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Your communication of January 25th was a pleasant surprise, and should like so much to attend your celebration on the 4th of March next, but the distance is too great. Well, it hardly seems