

Editorial.

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The recent meeting of the Canadian Medical Association at Vancouver was successful to an extent far beyond the expectations of the majority. It is generally recognized that the success was largely due to the exertions and the magnetic personality of the President, Dr. Simon J. Tunstall. It is only fair to say, however, that Dr. Tunstall had behind him the profession of British Columbia, who worked together and succeeded in producing a programme which was satisfactory in all respects. The attendance was large, nearly three hundred being present.

The Association has been in existence thirty-eight years, and it is interesting to note that its first President, Sir Charles Tupper, is still alive and well. Many discussions have arisen in the past as to the desirability of holding all the meetings in one city, and many opinions have been expressed that Ottawa should be the city selected. There seems now, however, to be almost a consensus of opinion that the peripatetic method should be continued. Much force is given to such opinion by the decision this year to move from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast, *i.e.*, to hold the next meeting in Halifax under the presidency of our distinguished confrere, Dr. John Stewart.

Our friends in the West were much pleased about the support they received from the East. The lower provinces, Montreal, and many parts of Ontario sent goodly numbers of delegates. Toronto promised much, and did little—we are sorry to say. This city is inclined to boast of her prowess in matters educational: she has the largest medical college in Canada: she pretends to take a great interest in the welfare of our national Medical Association: she sent four physicians to the Vancouver meeting: and among the four there was not one professor of the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto. We are assured, however, that this was largely an accident; and some of us derive a little comfort from the fact that Montreal, which, in the past, has been the strongest supporter of the Association, made even a worse showing at the London meeting last year.