

of the "Canada Medical Act," establishing interprovincial registration, and a license which will enable the holder of it to practise in any part of the Dominion.

#### THE "CANADA MEDICAL ACT."

The "Canada Medical Act," which has for its object the establishment of a uniform standard of examinations and qualifications throughout the Dominion of Canada, was introduced in the Senate by Dr. Roddick in 1902. It was passed, but it was found impossible to bring the Act into operation at that time, owing to the fact that opposition was made by some of the provinces on the ground that their interests had not been sufficiently considered.

Owing to Dr. Roddick's perseverance and devotion to the work in connection with this bill, and that of a few others who co-operated with him, he succeeded in convincing the various provinces that it was to their interest to pass this bill, and consequently an amended bill was passed in the 1911 session of the Dominion Parliament. I wish here to express my sense of the debt of gratitude which we owe to Dr. Thomas G. Roddick for the unprecedented services which he has rendered to the entire medical profession of Canada.

This amended bill only became operative when a so-called "Enabling Clause" had been passed by every province. All the provinces have now passed this "Enabling Clause," Ontario being the last to do so. This means that now the "Canada Medical Act" is in operation, and it only remains for the Dominion Medical Council to be established in accordance with the terms of the bill, which are, briefly: That the Council shall consist of (a) three members, appointed by the Governor-General in Council, each residing in a different province; (b) two members, representing each of the nine provinces, to be elected by the Provincial Medical Council; (c) one member from each university or medical college, which has power to confer degrees in medicine; and (d) three members elected by the homeopathic physicians in Canada.

#### OSTEOPATHY.

The bill which was recently introduced by Dr. Jamieson, and which was withdrawn at the last session, contained a clause defining medicine, which, it is to be hoped, will be incorporated in a bill which will probably be passed at the next session of the Legislature. It is a great pity, as we all know, that this was not defined by the Legislature many years ago, when the Council was estab-