

Saskatchewan Medical Association, this latter position, however, does not take up any time, except at certain intervals during the year.

We have discussed freely the amount of work done, but there is another phase of this question which presents itself, we refer to the quality of scientific medicine, which

Quality	has to do with the medical men of the province.
of	We ask this question, does the laboratory give to
Service	the general practitioner at large, throughout the

province an efficient and satisfactory service? and have these medical men confidence in the opinion of the reports given? Many enquiries have been made, and the general opinion is that the work is inefficient; many send all their specimens to Winnipeg, as no reliance can be placed on examinations of specimens submitted to this laboratory. How could this be otherwise when it is known that the qualified laboratory workers in this institution is limited to one, and this one is the Director.

The profession does not want and will not accept examinations made nor opinions given by unqualified persons. Granting that the Director has an extra large capacity for work, it would seem impossible for him to criticise and prove but a small proportion of the examinations made.

If we are correct in our contentions that the provincial laboratory is overworked, a change should be made; the medical profession demands it. A serious condition of affairs exists, and we must be assured that all work done is accurate. Much depends on a question of this sort; for instance, an opinion given in a diphtheria swab, think what amount of expense and confinement in quarantine a wrong examination and report would cause, and *vice versa*.

The medical men want a laboratory of their own; they demand and are entitled to consideration. The Agricultural Department, we have no doubt, requires work done, but surely there is enough work for this department to maintain a separate and distinct institution, the same as we should have. The medical laboratory should be revised and equipped so as to furnish examinations of materials which are

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