

to practise in Ontario, must produce credentials equivalent to the Ontario standard of matriculation and a diploma from some recognized dental school in order to be admitted, not to practise, but to the senior year of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, and after passing the final examination he may have the title of L.D.S. conferred upon him.

New Brunswick will only admit members of the profession from another Province, after they have been residents of New Brunswick for three months, and have passed an examination before their Board.

These are a few of the distinctive features of some of the provincial laws.

Now, gentlemen, we must not look upon this heap of provincial legislation as selfish means used to save all the patronage for the men in each province. None are intended for offensive warfare, but are walls of protection for the public and profession. They are serving an excellent purpose. This legislation has been indeed a ladder upon which the profession is steadily climbing to its proper position among men. All the Associations have been inspired with the same unselfish motives and noble purposes. We understand why our own law exists. Up to this point the various provincial Acts represent a stage in the growth of the profession. Each provincial law has been a centre of crystallization and unification for the individuals in the separate provinces and the amendments from time to time have represented the growth that has taken place. The advance has sounded all along the line, but to make a familiar illustration, these Acts are like the centres of ossification in a molar—fine cusps, good structure, correct in form, but the *sulci* are not complete and show weakness, and are open to attack because not well united. They do not exactly match.

Many of the best colleges have recently extended their course to three years, and *no one* says with truth that their professional training is not excellent. It seems that with proper guards around the matriculation qualifications and office studentship, that graduates from our own or any foreign college should be given the license to practise anywhere they please in the Dominion.

In conclusion, it would seem that if the Associations would rearrange their qualifications for practice that they might agree sufficiently well to be recognized throughout the Dominion, it would be a stride in advance, and would give our profession in Canada an *esprit de corps* that would surprise the most sanguine, and lead to the establishment of colleges of dentistry in various parts of our Dominion, as well as be an object lesson to other countries and some older professions.