

Quebec, where the members of the profession are mostly of the French race and language.

Then, again, Ontario is separated from the Western Provinces by a long range of country around the head of the Great Lakes that renders inter-communication with Manitoba and westward a rather rare occurrence.

For Medical Society purposes Canada falls naturally into four sections: 1. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in the East. 2. Quebec for the French-speaking practitioners. 3. Ontario, and the English-speaking practitioners of Quebec. 4. Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

It seems to us that it is practically impossible to overcome the barriers that either distance or language have erected. Out of about 6,000 practitioners in Canada, it is exceedingly rare for the Canadian Medical Association to muster more than 400 at any one of its gatherings, and often is far below this number.

These very reasons have given rise to the Maritime Medical Association, an association of French practitioners, an active and useful Ontario Medical Association, and a strong desire for a Western Medical Association for the doctors west of Winnipeg.

For these very reasons the Canadian Medical Association has made but little real progress in over forty years; has at present but a small membership, and only a few hundred dollars in the treasury. It is all very well for this association to talk about aiding research work and publishing a journal of its own, but these things require money. We have pointed out before that there is already an excellent medical journal for the Maritime Provinces. The French-speaking physicians have two journals. There is an English one in Montreal and four in Toronto. Now there are two in the West; one in Winnipeg and another for Saskatchewan. We would be glad to support an organ of the Canadian Medical Association if we could be shown the ways and means for its establishment.

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#### A WESTERN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The signs of the times point clearly in the direction of the formation of an inter-provincial association in the West for the four great Provinces west of Winnipeg. In this movement we heartily concur. It is a movement in the right direction.

It is quite clear that the members of the profession from Winnipeg to the west coast cannot give much attendance upon the Canadian