

Now, the first great improvement that is needed, not merely in the interests of Medical Education, but also and chiefly in the interests of Public Health, is the organization and establishment by the Provincial Government, of an ample, thoroughly equipped, and well-manned Pathological Institute.

The present condition of the Laboratory used by the Provincial Pathologist is not sufficient to deal with the ever growing needs of the Public Health of the Province.

The present facilities for Clinical Pathology at the Victoria General Hospital are entirely inadequate.

The work already accomplished by the Provincial Bacteriologist at the Laboratory of the Halifax Medical College is about all that could be done with the present equipment by a man who is not so adequately paid by the Province as to be able to devote his whole time to the work; but the public needs and demands of the Province are constantly increasing.

Hence improved accommodation and equipment, with facilities for research work, are, from the point of view of the public health alone, simply indispensable.

The immediate needs are : (1) A new building specially designed and adapted for this work; (2) Ample equipment for the doing of all such work as engages attention in a modern and well-provided Pathological Institute; (3) This new institution should be presided over by a thoroughly trained and first-class pathologist, devoting his whole time and energies to the work, with an adequate salary, and with a sufficient corps of assistants.

This forward move is demanded, moreover, not only by the increasing needs of the public health, but also by the needs of the Hospitals in the various Provincial towns, and especially by the needs of the Victoria General Hospital.

Such an institution could be so utilized as to afford considerably increased facilities for laboratory work in medical education; and the Halifax Medical College has some substantial right to ask such assistance at the hands of the Government, in view of the fact that for the past ten years the laboratory of that College has really been supplying the place of such an institution for the benefit of the whole Province.

The many and varied services of the medical profession of the city and Province for the promotion of the Public Health which, as was said by Disraeli, is "The great concern of statesmen," may also well be considered to entitle them to ask some such recognition at the hands of the Government.