

The Canadian colleges and universities are seeking recognition from the General Medical Council of Great Britain, and the chief obstacle to that end is the want of supervision. In Great Britain all universities and medical schools are under the control of the General Medical Council. In the matter of preliminary examination, they exact a certain status which has been adopted by all the educational institutions of the mother country, and also by many of those in Canada; those institutions in Canada that have followed the requirements of the General Medical Councils, as regards preliminary education, have received at their hands recognition. We doubt not that, with a general law, which should be operative in all the provinces, giving us a council with similar powers and authority, such supervision and control would be deemed sufficient by the home authorities, and we would at once secure to our graduates and licentiates that desirable recognition which would place our institutions, educationally, on a par with those in the mother country.

The time has arrived when we should come out from our shell, and make known to our friends on the other side of the Atlantic that we have in Canada the men and the means of imparting knowledge in our colleges equal to some, at least, of the institutions of Great Britain, and, furthermore, that our test of proficiency in our students will bear the light of day.

Another most important subject which will be submitted to the meeting, is the report of the Committee on Statistics and Hygiene. It is a lamentable fact that statistical inquiry is with us an impossibility. To arrive at any definite and reliable information of the prevalence in any given district of any class of disease, is simply not attainable, and the reason is, because we have no reliable source from whence to draw information. To arrive at a definite conclusion of the mean duration of life is equally impossible. The influence of climatic changes on disease is another subject on which we can give no information. The whole system of collecting information on these points has to be changed, and we have the admirable system in vogue in other countries, but especially that under the direction of Dr. Farr, the Registrar General for Great Britain, from which to copy. We hope to receive for publication in these columns a well digested report, containing suggestions which will go far to induce our Legislature to introduce a law which will be of lasting benefit.

THE DOMINION RIFLE MEETING AT LAPRAIRIE.

The Canada Rifle Association will hold its first Rifle Match on the 15th instant, on the Laprairie Common. It is proposed to place the men in camp, the Government furnishing all necessary camp equipage. The following is an official announcement: