

by the lessons of experience, and endeavor to make easy for our students the noble, but arduous work, which they have undertaken. Gentlemen, the considerations that have prevented a great number of physicians from working energetically for adoption of only one licence, which would be recognized throughout all Canada, are:—1. Restrictive legislation granted to each Province by Federal agreement. 2. The fear of destroying Provincial autonomy created by this agreement. To the first objection, I answer that it is true the Federal Parliament cannot legislate in educational matters belonging to the Provinces, but a question that interests two or more Provinces, or better still all the Provinces of our Dominion, ceases, *ipso facto*, to be a Provincial question; it becomes Federal by the coalition of all the local forces. Who can prevent all the Provinces, united, from obtaining from the Federal Parliament the approbation of their union? Moreover, without adopting this means, the Provinces of Manitoba, Quebec, and New Brunswick have already enjoyed reciprocity in regard to their licences; and nobody cried out at the illegality. To the second objection, we may answer that there is no question of destroying Provincial autonomy. In fact there is nothing to prevent the maintenance of the local organization whilst, at the same time, allowing it to delegate its powers to some of its members, who would be charged to form a general commission for the whole Dominion. You all know the old saying: "Where there is a will there is a way." Let us understand one another, and it will be easy to make the competent authority understand us. Gentlemen, when we shall have obtained for the whole of British North America a central bureau of admission to study, a board of medical examination for the conferring of a uniform licence to practise medicine, then, I say, we shall have come upon an era of progress in the annals of Canadian medicine. Our diploma of practice shall be recognized throughout the whole of the British Empire and will meet with the respect of the scientific world, and the Canadian Medical Association will have deserved well of the country. And your humble President will be happy to find that he had helped, ever so little, in the solution of that great national question: Unity of Rights and the Freedom of Practice of our Profession.