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MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

We believe that the Medical Board of the Hospital propose recommending to the Governors certain changes in the Medical Staff of the Institution. Dr. Gardner and Dr. Major, two of the Out-door Physicians, will, if the advice of the Board is followed, become, respectively, Gynecologist and Laryngologist to the Hospital. It is also, we believe, suggested that the Out-door Staff in future be called Assistant Physicians instead of Out-door Physicians, and, like the In-staff, they be divided into Physicians and Surgeons. We question very much the wisdom of the latter changes. We much prefer the title of Assistant Physicians, and regret that it was not at first selected. Now, however, that we find men on the Out-staff who are the senior in years and superior in professional position to some of the In-door or Attending Physicians, the idea of their becoming the Assistants to these men is not calculated to make them feel pleasant. They will have to submit, but we mistake their temper if they do not loudly protest. As regards the division of the Staff into Physicians and Surgeons we consider it absurd, and but another evidence of the craze which seems to have overtaken those

who formulate the Medical dogmas on the Medical Board of the Hospital. Although the In-door Staff has had this division for several years, we do not yet possess a single Surgeon pure and simple in the City of Montreal—all of them are general practitioners. The existence of such a division in Hospital work when none such exists in practice, is the occasion of very frequent gross injustice to the rank and file of the profession. It is a question yet to be settled whether our City can support one Surgeon who alone practices surgery. We believe it will, others think differently; but there is no question it will not support six or eight. Why then attempt to make those who to the public are both Physicians and Surgeons, become simply Surgeons on Hospital work. We see no benefit, and predict that, if carried out, it will engender a feeling of distrust among the profession, which we would deeply regret to see established.

THE MATRICULATION EXAMINATION OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

The large percentage of rejections at the matriculation examinations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec has given rise to a great deal of dissatisfaction among the unfortunates. This was of course to be expected. The matter, however, seemed worthy of investigation, and those connected with the Boards who looked into the subject were struck with the fact that it was upon certain studies that the majority failed. Clearly this pointed to a defect in training, and a committee was named by the College to meet the Matriculation Board and the directors of the various educational institutions in the Province and investigate. About forty invitations were issued, and some dozen representatives responded—a few however, being deputed to represent other institutions than their own. These gentlemen met the following members of the committee of the College, viz., Drs. R. F. Howard, E. P. Lachapelle, F. Wayland Campbell and Lantot, on the 24th January, in the rooms of the Medico-Chirurgical Society. An informal discussion took place, the meeting lasting about two hours. It will, we believe, be productive of a vast amount of good for, in our opinion, the discussion at the meeting proved that not a single institution in the Province outside of the Universities gave