

three in the Province of Quebec (two of which are in French), four in Ontario, and one in British Columbia. Of these the best known are the *Montreal Medical Journal*, the *Canada Lancet*, the *Canadian Medical and Surgical Journal*, the *Dominion Medical Monthly*, and the *Canadian Practitioner and Review*. It cannot be said that, apart perhaps from the first-named, any of these journals has any serious scientific standing. In fact, they are subscribed to partly on account of the local professional news they contain and partly for more personal reasons. As a consequence the clientèle of each journal is a very confined one, and no single one appeals to a very large circle of readers. Indeed, it is probable that each of the three London weekly medical journals reaches an audience considerably more extensive than any Canadian journal. There is, it will be noticed, no Canadian weekly medical journal in existence. This lack has been keenly felt of late years, and an active body of physicians, prominent among whom is Dr. McPhedran, of Toronto, have made many attempts to remedy it. The most obvious course would seem to establish a journal under the auspices of the Canadian Medical Association, and this body has actually agreed to the proposal.

"There are, however, more difficulties in the way than might at first sight appear. First is the question of support. It is gravely doubted whether a sufficient number of practitioners would subscribe to either the Association or to the journal directly to ensure the financial success of the venture. The distances separating the different parts of Canada are so large that the interests in common between Quebec and Winnipeg, for instance, are very slight, especially as mutual reciprocity between the provinces is so restricted. Therefore, for local medical news each district prefers to rely on its local journal, and for scientific literature on British or American publications. In the next place it is doubtful whether there is enough material to fill such a journal. The great majority of medical men in Canada, even in the large centres, are engaged in general practice, and the number of those who undertake any scientific research or who make original observations is very few. As a result the output of scientific work in medicine is strikingly small, and such as it is is sent to British, or more often to American journals. This state of affairs is, of course, likely to alter as the country gets more settled and developed, but such changes take place slowly. Still, the advent of a weekly Canadian medical journal cannot be long delayed, and it may be expected within a very few years at the longest."

We think Dr. A. McPhail, the editor of *The Montreal Medical Journal* would be the very first to disclaim the puff for his journal coming from the pen of the correspondent of *The Medical Press*. Speaking for THE CANADA LANCET, the oldest medical journal in Canada, we would