

following words: "and upon passing the final examination prescribed for admission of students to practise."

2. The Board of Directors of "The Manitoba Dental Association" shall fix the times for two examinations in each twelve months for the examination of persons referred to in Sub-section (b) of Section 21 of said Chapter 44 as above amended; one of which times shall be the time for final examination of students, and in case any such person takes his examination at the time other than such annual time for students, he shall in addition to any fees now prescribed for certificates of license pay a fee to be fixed by the Board, not exceeding forty dollars.

3. This Act shall come into force on the day it is assented to.

The primary object of this amendment was that the governing board of this association should have the power to see that *all* persons receiving license to become members of this association and to practise dentistry in this province, should present the same knowledge and command of the profession as we exact from our own students in receiving license in the Province. Under the Act before this amendment any person who was a member of any College of Dentistry of any of the provinces of the Dominion of Canada having authority by law to grant certificates of license, or diplomas to practise dentistry, or who was a member of any Association or School of Dentistry having like powers in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and who produced sufficient evidence of such membership and certificate of good moral character and conduct, upon payment of fees was necessarily admitted a member of the Association, and received a license to practise in this province. The terms and conditions under which these licenses were granted in years gone by in the provinces and countries above referred to, differ very materially from the terms and conditions now existing for the granting of similar licenses in those same countries or provinces; while at the same time the qualifications required were far below the standard exacted of the students of dentistry in this province at the present time.

That many who received their diplomas or licenses under those older conditions, failing to keep abreast of the profession in its progress, were driven to the wall by the overcrowding of the profession in the localities in which they lived, is undoubted; that they seemed likely to be thrust upon us in considerable numbers under the conditions of this Act before the amendment of July last, is evident from the number of letters of inquiry and applications continually received.