

Editorials.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Borden, Minister of Militia.

It is not the province of this journal nor of medical journals generally to meddle in politics. The REVIEW is no exception to this rule. It takes a deep interest, and unbiased in all that concerns the welfare of the profession, whether of a technical, sanitary, legislative or personal character, and in no branch has it taken a greater interest than in the medical department of militia, having in mind at once the well-being of medical officers and of the troops under their professional care. It is, therefore, particularly gratifying to find an officer in that department chosen for the important and patriotic position of Minister of Militia. The REVIEW extends its hearty congratulations to the new Minister, and sincerely trusts that he may signalize his administration by establishing for all time the medical department on a satisfactory basis. The REVIEW has in mind a speech which the honorable gentleman made some three years ago on this subject, and ventures to express the hope that the neglect and abuses of which he then complains may now disappear. Members of our profession have reason to be proud that doctors of standing and ability sufficient to fill Cabinet offices with acceptance are to be found in the Federal Legislature, so that in the last administration two portfolios, and in the present, one portfolio have fallen to medical men.

The New Treatment of Burns.

THE old and long recognized principle in the treatment of burns of exclusion of air and protection of the raw surface leaves but this to be desired, that the protecting substance shall not merely have a mechanical effect, but that it shall have therapeutic action as well. Efforts in this direction have recently been made by M. Poggi. He has used nitrate of potash with, as he claims, marked good effect. He uses a saturated solution of the salt, which acts as a refrigerant and antiphlogistic. When the injured part is treated with the solution the pain ceases rapidly. It returns as the cloths become warm. The addition of a little fresh nitrate to the solution removes the pain, which gradually subsides. He states that healing after this treatment is