

he should be influenced by the same ethical spirit which animates the medical and legal profession under like circumstances. Instead of paying a paltry salary to some impecunious assistant, he can get a skilled partner, or he can engage our own registered students, who are entitled to preference if anyone is to be engaged. It would be a remarkable thing in medical practice if a physician's patients were exposed in his office to transference to unlicensed practitioners. It is, within the limitations of dental practice, as dangerous in dentistry.

Moreover, in the case of a profession such as ours, which deals with dangerous poisons, and which by neglect or ignorance exposes its patrons to the consequences of unclean and ill-treatment, the public has a right to demand that assistants as well as registered students should submit their qualifications to proper test, not in Chicago or Hong Kong, but in the Province of Quebec.

These are my convictions. I am sure they cannot be acceptable to my confreres who have signed the petition, and as I find on the list of names those of several gentlemen with whom I am associated in the educational work of our Province, I take it for granted that my convictions in their opinion are wrong, and therefore I feel bound to resign. When I find it necessary to hire salaried assistants to do my business, I shall resign practice, too.

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Montreal, October 26th, 1896.

As soon as the signers discovered the true purport of the petition, they sent the following protest :

*To the President and Members of the Board of Examiners of the Dental Association of the Province of Quebec :*

Having been led by misrepresentation to sign a petition to the Legislature, referring to dental assistants, we, the undersigned licentiates of the Province of Quebec, demand the withdrawal of our names. We are utterly opposed to the objects of said petition, believing it would have a tendency to expose the public to abuses, over which the Board of Examiners would have no control :

Wm. F. Giles, C. F. Morison, Louis Franchere, Gaston Maillet, T. D. Tansey, J. S. Ibbotson, A. F. Ibbotson, E. R. Barton, N. Fisk, W. J. Kerr, H. H. Kerr, P. P. Vosburgh, F. X. Séers, L. P. Bernier, L. E. Mauffette, W. E. Bourbonnais, E. Larose, J. P. Cadieux, J. B. C. Trestler, E. M. Gravel, R. Simpson, G. W. Oliver, C. M. W. Rondeau, James M. Shaw, A. Clifford Jack, Arthur Lemieux, Gustane Lemieux, F. D. Mongeon, Albert Dumong, Joseph R. Lalonde, J. G. A. Gendreau.