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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

The semi-annual meeting of the Provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons was held at Laval University, September 24, beginning at 10.20 a.m. and closing at 4.10 p.m. Dr. C. S. Lemieux, of Quebec, the president of the College, occupied the chair. Among others present were the two vice-presidents, Dr. W. H. Hingston and the Hon. J. J. Ross, Premier of Quebec, and Lieutenant-Governor Robitaille. A resolution, expressive of regret at the death of Dr. Landry, of Quebec, an old and distinguished member of the College, was unanimously adopted. The treasurer's report. showing receipts \$5,322, and a balance on hand of \$1,579, after paying all expenses, was also adopted, after a special committee had been named to enquire into the financial statement in detail and to report suggestions for the improvement of the actual situation. Dr. Howard submitted the report of the committee appointed to enquire into the charges laid by Dr. Lachapelle against the Victoria College, which concluded as follows: "Whereas Dr. Lachapelle, examined today as a witness, refuses to supply the committee with the necessary information to assist it in its investigation; whereas all the professors of the school who might be considered as implicated by the Star of the 10th April last have formally denied that they furnished the questions to the pupils, either directly or indirectly, it is declared that Dr. Lachapelle has refused the committee the necessary information to aid its enquiry, and that there is consequently no occasion to proceed further with Dr. Lachapelle's charges." Drs. Lanctot and Durocher having proposed the adoption of this report, Dr. Lachapelle offered some explanations.

Drs. Marsden and Lamarche moved in amendment to defer the consideration of the report to next This amendment was carried by twentymeeting. two against eleven. The following gentlemen, bearers of University diplomas, were then sworn in and duly licensed by the College: Laval University, Quebec-Patrick Coote, Quebec; Marie Rosaire George Matte, Quebec; Elzéar Pelletier, Rivière du Loup (en bas); Eugène Larue, Quebec; Etienne Gosselin, Quebec; Joseph Arthur Millette, Agnes, Lake Megantic; Alfred Morin, St. Paul de Chester; Frédéric Stanislas Caron, Quebec. Laval University, Montreal-Ernest Duval, St. Jean Port Joli; Chas. Narcisse Valin, St. Hilaire, Rouville; M. T. Brennan, Victoria University -- Odilon Berthiaume, St. Simon de Bagot; Fred. H. Daigneault, St. Joachim de Shefford; Wilbrod Fournier, St. François Rivière du Sud; Hector Leduc, Ste. Monique, Nicolet; Jean Oscar Albert Beaupré, Malone, N.Y.; Hormisdas Gauthier, St. Eustache; Roderic Mignault Acton Vale; Alfred Richard, St. Paschal, Kamouraska; Hector Brosseau, L'Acadie, comté de University McGill-I. O. Stewart, Andrew Stewart, C. T. Cameron, Licentiates of the Royal College of Physicains and Surgeons, Edinburgh, (double qualification)—James Alex. Hutchison and Benjamin Franklin W. Hurdman.

SANITARY SCIENCE.

On Sept. 27th a lecture was delivered in the Corn Exchange of this city by Dr. Stevenson MacAdam, F.R.S.E., Edinburgh, on the subject of Sanitary Science. Why the lecture was given in the place named we do not know, but the fact that only a small number were present indicates that it was somewhat of an impromptu affair. is said that a prophet is not without honor except in his own country, and, judging by the brief remarks of after-speakers, this appears to be the case here. Our local sanitarians have again and again pointed out the requisites laid down by the lecturer, but being home productions these have fallen unheeded on the mind of our prominent citizens. The lecture is a valuable one, and we trust may bear some fruit, but there is nothing new about the subject, as the same advice could have been given by members of the medical profession here. Any one having a knowledge of the diffusion of gases is aware that they can find their way through water, and that in the case of sewer-gas the amount which thus passes through