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NEGLECT OF THE TEETH IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

It is not generally known to the public, but it is an indisputable fact, that in no part of the Dominion is there more neglect of the human teeth, and more ignorance of their functional importance, than in the country districts of the Province of Quebec, and no less among the English than the French population. Physicians in Ontario, as a rule, avoid interference in the diseases of the teeth, excepting where there is no dentist within their limits, but in Quebec we have known, upon several occasions, young successors to medical men receive as one of the legacies of practice of their predecessor, large jars or bottles full of extracted teeth, ninety per cent. of which a dentist would have saved! We have had many opportunities to observe the serious extent of the various diseases of the teeth in the Eastern Townships especially, and to learn from intelligent country physicians who do not make a business of extracting these organs, that the constitutional and especially the nervous affections due directly to diseased teeth, are alarmingly on the increase. A large number of the affections of the eyes and ears are traced to abnormal conditions in the mouth, and which get no radical cure, excepting through proper dental treatment by experienced dentists. Digestion is impaired on account of the absence of the teeth. Beauty not only loses one of its chief charms, but strength loses one of its