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ADMISSION TO PRACTICE BY GRACE OF LEGISLATURE.

The President and Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec possess the respect and confidence of the medical profession of the Province to a degree unequalled for many long years. It is felt that the Executive is truly representative and that it has the best interests of the profession at heart. Indeed, as at present situated, it may freely be said that the profession would be glad to see it endowed with yet further powers. As a matter of fact, however, we find ourselves in face of a subtle movement on the part of the Legislature to take from it or to nullify the powers already granted to it. By its Charter it is made the custodian and the guardian of the professional interests of the Province, to it is given the power to determine who is and who is not to be regarded as worthy to receive the license to practise in the Province; it has been accorded the right to determine the curriculum, which all should have undergone prior to obtaining the license in question.

But what regard does the Provincial Legislature pay to these rights conferred upon the college? A given individual has only to be refused