

At present a physician may be competent to practise medicine in Quebec, be honored by all in so doing, but should he go to the other provinces and there attempt to save a man's life, doing it as a livelihood, he becomes a criminal in the eyes of the law, and is immediately ordered to stop. A dentist or a druggist may follow his regular profession in one province, and give entire satisfaction in doing so, but should he go a few miles into an adjoining province and practise his profession there he would find himself in jail for doing it. Manifestly there is something wrong with such a state of affairs, and the three professions named are to be congratulated on the energy they are showing in attempting to find a remedy.

The public have every reason to desire that the powers now supposed to belong exclusively to the provinces should be, in part at least, returned to the Dominion in order that Dominion registration may become possible. It would be the means of securing a better profession to each of the three. It would prevent the making of medicos, dentists and druggists by special legislation, and it would give stability and uniformity, which are essential accompaniments to progress.

It is to be expected that the various legislatures will give some trouble, and that they will be the means of delaying the accomplishment of this very desirable object. The record of these legislatures is that they like to keep as much power in their hands, wherewith to assist friends, as they can, and they have shown themselves not averse to dispensing very questionable favors through this means, the Territorial legislature being undoubtedly as bad as any others in this respect.

It will be seen by any person who gives it a moment's thought that common sense as well as good Canadianism is on the side of nationalization, and the people ought not to allow the petty favors and little personal friendships of the members to interfere and stay an important progressive movement like this.

Medical men are expecting to see a national board created at next session of Parliament. In the Western Dental Society meeting in Winnipeg last week the hope was expressed that a National Dental Board would be secured within three years. We hope to see these two accomplished and the druggists soon after. In order that this very desirable reform might be accomplished speedily, we express the wish that the various local legislatures will willingly consent to yield such powers or grant such legislation as will give the uniformity desired.—*The West*, Regina, N.W.T.