

3. No one desires the medical council to relax its hold on the high standard of medical education in Ontario. But all this can be secured without foolish waste of money, and the needless setting of two examinations. The council could at once deal with any university that attempted to lower the standard.

4. It is common talk among the students that to pass the examinations of the medical council they have to read up old books of twenty-five years ago, as they are likely to run up against an examiner who has his head full of old and antiquated methods. This is a serious state of affairs. We know of one instance where an examiner asked the candidates to describe a certain thing that does not exist.

Is this state of affairs to continue? We hope not. It must be held that the council has a right to say who shall or who shall not practise in Ontario. It does not follow that a student who has during April and May undergone his university examination, should immediately afterwards in May and June undergo the examinations of the medical council; and for no good purpose other than that of adhering to tradition. But—

Outworn ideals are fading fast away,
Beyond its buried past the world has ranged,
New influences shape its trend to-day,
But the council hides unchanged.

We offer our apologies to the poet for modifying the last line. We hope, however, that the medical council will see the fitness of the change.

Each member of the medical council should at once make public to his constituents the number of meetings of the council and its committees he had attended, what he received for such attendance, and what he drew for mileage, and what routes he took in travelling to Toronto. This information would enable the members of the medical profession to judge properly as to the value of the services of each representative. In every instance where a territorial representative cannot satisfy his constituents on these points during the past four years, he ought to be opposed vigorously if he seeks reelection.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

We are receiving many letters congratulating THE CANADA LANCET on the stand it has taken with regard to the finances of the medical council. If any one will give but a very casual study of the announcement, it will be readily seen that the council has been living far beyond its income.