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THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

This body has been attacked for months by us, and so far there has not been one word of defence. The session this year cost in per diem \$2,920 for 28 members in attendance. The total cost for the July sessions of 1907, 1908 and 1909 amounted to \$10,730 for an average attendance of members for these three years of 28. At the same cost as this year for 28 members these three sessions would have cost only \$8,760. In this way it will be seen that \$2,000 of the funds of the College of Physicians and Surgeons have been taken for per diem that we believe to have been an improper charge. The session this year was of the same duration, and required the same time in travelling to and fro. Every dollar of this, we contend, should be paid back, as the per diem allowance was the same.

Then, again, we pointed out that \$580 had been improperly paid out for attendance on committees held on at the time of council meetings. We gave the committees, their dates, and those who attended. This money, we contend, should be refunded.

Further, we showed that members of the council had taken \$1,591 too much in mileage. There is no justification whatever for 5 cents a mile each when the members receive \$20 while travelling as well as when at the session. This should be paid back.

These three sums make up a grand total of \$4,171, that we think can not be defended on any grounds. In addition to these sums we think there has been a waste of money on committees that were not at all required. For example, just think of \$230 paid out for two meetings of a special committee to report on some system of filing and keeping documents. Any manager of a business who expended money in this manner would soon receive his notice to quit.

There has been also a great waste of money on examinations. In the matter of mileage alone, we think that \$1,468 have been thrown away.

We here give some very interesting correspondence, which is well worth careful perusal.

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DEAR SIR,—I am writing you to ask you what action you propose taking with regard to the overpayments made to members of the medical