

This had the effect of causing many to comply with the regulations. Finding that some of these expressed the opinion that a month was too short a period of grace, the Executive granted an extension of one month (to June 19th) and so notified those concerned by circular.

The report of an interview of a member of the Government by the leaders of the Medical Defence Union recently published in an evening paper, cannot but convey a most erroneous impression of the state of affairs at present existing.

We are informed that the deputation claimed to represent six or seven hundred medical practitioners of the Province of Ontario. It is true as already mentioned that some six or seven hundred practitioners had been in arrears, and in so far as that was concerned might be identified with the deputation, but subsequent events do not show that all were in arrears for the same cause or object, and no evidence has been adduced to prove that those seven hundred as a body had in any way authorized the deputation to represent them. The deputation stated that the Medical Building was a losing concern and that the fees collected were simply being buried there.

To properly appreciate this matter some acquaintance with ancient history becomes essential. Up to fifteen years ago, the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons had no home and was forced to rent halls for examination purposes year by year. This was most inconvenient and did not redound to the credit of the profession. It became evident that something would have to be done towards providing a proper location for the Council headquarters, where Councillors could meet, examinations be conducted, and an office for the registrar be secured. The old church which stood on the site of the present medical buildings was finally purchased, it being considered that it would for the time being meet the main objects to be attained, viz., a large examination hall and registrar's office in a central location. Just about that time the real estate boom began in Toronto, prices rising rapidly, and following on the increase in prices, the taxes also. It was afterwards found that the accommodation afforded by the church was inadequate and not commensurate with the amount necessary to carry the property on the altered basis of taxation. In order to secure the necessary increase in facilities, it was thought wise to erect a large building in the place of the old church which would not only meet the requirements of the Council but contain a sufficient number of first-class office apartments, the rent from which would be sufficient to materially aid in carrying the whole concern, without burdensome expense to the College.