

According to the *Star* Dr. Hardy is made to have said "he had objected to publishing without the council's consent." In reply to our request for information we were directed to the member for West Toronto for the material. This did not look as if it was not to be published without the council's consent, but rather to put the responsibility on some one else.

During the whole of this discussion three members merit the highest praise, Drs. J. S. Hart, F. N. G. Starr, and J. M. McCallum. A year ago they tried manfully to have a complete financial statement given out, but were defeated in their efforts. This year, however, backed up as they were by public criticism, they won out easily. Much praise to their efforts.

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### THE FUTURE OF THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

"He must needs go that the Devil drives," said the clown in "All's Well That Ends Well." The medical council has been driven for some time by the stern whip of public and professional opinion. It is on a stormy sea. There are dangers on both sides of it and ahead of it. But judging by the past we fear it will not prove true of the council.

There is a tide in the affairs of men

Which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

but rather—

Omitted, all the voyage of their life

Is bound in shallows and in miseries.

The council, constituted as it is of 8 from medical colleges, 5 from the homœopaths, and 17 from the regular practitioners of the province, voted down Dr. J. S. Hart's motion to reduce the numbers of the present council. Just imagine a board of 30 person to manage the affairs of the medical profession of this province and look after an income of \$27,748.41 as per announcement of 1909. The regular annual meeting of 1909 cost \$4,246.15 to members, \$149.30 for the stenographer, and \$603.20 for the announcement, or a total of \$4,998.65, or well up to one-fifth of the total income for one meeting of the council.

Then the thirty members of the council have struck no less than 9 committees. Here they are with their size: Registration 8, Rules and Regulations 5, Finance 5, Printing 5, Education 9, Property 5, Complaints 5, Executive 3, Discipline 4, and the President and Vice-President *ex-officio* on all, making a grand total of 67, or two and one-quarter times for every member of the council. In the announcement for 1909 we are told that \$40 was paid to a special committee on fifth year course, \$230 to a special committee on filing official documents, \$80 to a special com-