

with others who only deserve opprobrium because they use the methods of quacks. It seems, too, that it will be still slower with a very honorable class among us, among whom are some of our very best men, hiding their lights under bushels—a class who do not believe in bothering themselves about the politics of the profession; who do not like controversy, and who, in fact, would rather pay what they consider an unjust tax than trouble themselves to resist it. It is an enviable condition, in one sense, but it is unfair. Why should others have to do the very thinking, as well as the work for them, and their protection? What more claim has the profession upon those who enter the breach of every difficulty and bear the brunt of battle, than upon those who sit idle? If there are men willing to give the time and study and money of their own which every worker has to give, that even the idlers may derive equal advantage, have they not, at least, a claim to encouragement? Do they get it as a rule? Official positions to busy men are not worth a straw. There is no gift in the franchise of the profession in any Province of Canada which will compensate a man financially for the sacrifices it entails. The profession has no right to demand that those who occupy official positions will spare them even the trouble of thinking of their own interests. And those who are so narrow-minded as to accuse such officials, without the slightest reason for suspicion, of thinking and working in their official positions for themselves, would likely be fierce in their resentment if the tables were turned, and they were themselves in office accused of the same peccadillo.

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