

Again it was Dr. Edwards, of London, and not Dr. Cranston, who secured the services of Mr. Webb for the Council, and I will quote what Dr. Bergin says about the present representative to show the way he works in our interests. "As a matter of fact Dr. Cranston has always sided with the school men and has helped to block nearly every move in the Council which aimed at increasing the standard of medical education in this Province." This is Dr. Bergin's opinion, not mine, and it is worthy of serious consideration by the members in the Division at the present time.

Likewise, I respect the degrees from all the medical schools in Canada, and I know the value of British qualifications, because I hold some of them myself, but everyone, no matter where he graduates, should be required to pass all the examinations of the Council before registration. The test of medical knowledge adopted by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is sufficiently severe, but does that affect the question of the overcrowding of the profession here? Certainly not. The only means available to arrest that is to raise the standard of pre-medical education to an arts degree, or an examination approaching that requirement. By this means the supply will be curtailed and the profession made better and more valuable. If elected, I have pledged myself to work to this end, and to always labour in the interests of the medical practitioners of this Province.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I desire to return my sincere thanks to my professional brethren in this city, and throughout the whole Division, for the hearty support given me in this election, and for the many kind words and acts vouchsafed me during this contest. If elected, I shall carry out my pledges, and do my best to merit your approval. May I ask you to fill out your voting papers as soon as received.

I remain, yours faithfully,

A. F. ROGERS, M. D.

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