

was largely founded on the principles of iconoclasm. A prominent feature of its policy was obnoxious opposition to all kinds of class legislation, and the doctor was labeled a parasite in the community. Zeal, not born of knowledge, used all available means to secure destruction of the tariff. How much their efforts conduced to the ultimate result I do not know, but speedily the tariff became a thing of the past, and, as a consequence, the judges of the land are left without any recognized guide in estimating the value of services rendered, for which compensation might be sought in the courts.

A petition to the Government, asking for redress of this grievance and directing attention to other matters of moment was circulated last year amongst the profession by order of the Medical Council. It obtained nearly two thousand signatures and was presented in due form, but the understanding given to the Committee of Legislation was that the complexion of the house was such as to render, for the present, any amendment to the Medical Act inexpedient.

I have always been, and am to-day, a consistent supporter of our administration; therefore, it will, I trust, be conceded that I speak from an unprejudiced standpoint; but I must say that we, as a profession, cannot afford to be deprived of that which was our honestly acquired possession, a privilege the abuse of which has rarely been assailed and never proven. Let this association not forget that it wields a tremendous influence politically. I appeal to its members, as well as to those of the profession who have not yet entered its ranks, to account it their individual and combined duty to lay before their representatives in Parliament the exact facts of the case in order to have a speedy restoration of their rights.

One word more on the much-discussed question of inter-provincial registration and I am done; and, in so doing, if I introduce aphorisms afflicted with talipes, give credit at least for the effort, because Mark Twain says: "It is easier to be good than to make a maxim."

(1) Our existing system is egregious, and the natural outcome of that part of the Act of Confederation which placed the control of education in the hands of the provinces.

(2) Vast fields in the great Northwest are being rapidly developed, and require medical federation.

(3) In the older provinces it would relieve plethora.

(4) Recent licentiates, most of all, would appreciate its broadness.

(5) On careful examination I find our standard the highest, both