

[We have received the following letter from a correspondent residing in the Eastern Townships. The charges which he brings forward against three Governors, as aiders and abettors of those who practice without a license, to the serious detriment and loss of the educated and licensed practitioner, are most grave, and should be made the subject of enquiry at the next meeting of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada East. If the parties are found to be guilty, immediate expulsion from the College should be the penalty of their misconduct.]

*To the Editors of the MEDICAL CHRONICLE :*

Having noticed, with particular pleasure and satisfaction, that you have ever felt a lively interest in the advancement and maintenance of a high standard in medicine in our Province, and exhibited an earnest desire to expose everything relative to empiricism without the profession, and unfairness on the part of the regular practitioner, we have been led to communicate a few words to you upon the state of affairs in a certain locality in the Eastern Townships.

It would be quite out of place to recapitulate the early history and career of our fraternity, and the small remuneration hitherto attendant upon their labours, and the uncertainty with which even that, in some cases, has been obtained in this section. It would be equally out of place to enumerate the scores of assumed medical men who, like a pestilence, have spread their false and pernicious doctrines in times past. It is sufficient for our purpose to speak of the present. We shall, however, go back to the year 1847, when, if our memory serves us rightly, there was an act passed by our Legislature incorporating the profession into a body, with rights and privileges which are well known to all, and which, among other things, allowed to different parts of the Province their share of representatives at their sessions, and a voice in the affairs pertaining to the regulating and conferring of licenses, as well as overlooking the best interests of the profession generally. Out of our ranks at that time the very generous number of three was chosen from the territory now known as the district of Bedford; and it is worthy of note that this number has ever since been elected from the same district. Now it is quite natural to suppose that, in the space of ten or eleven years, something would have been done to suppress the offences which have been practiced upon society, and particularly against the medical profession, with such a formidable guard as all this watching over us; but in its place we find quacks running at loose-ends over the whole country, and the three Governors themselves quietly encouraging it in every instance. Nor is this the whole truth. It is a notorious fact that