

the electrodes of a battery, or as if lifting the front wheel off the ground. With the handles in such a position as to allow, by leaning forward, of a transference of part of the body weight to the front of the wheel the rider will be able to alternate his posture occasionally, which, if there be some distance to cover, he will find a very grateful change.

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### The Medical Council too Large and too Expensive.

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DEAR SIRs,—I send you \$1 for your magazine. I hope the magazine may continue to denounce the Medical Council, as it is too large and too expensive. It is a huge octopus strangling the College to death.

We reproduce the above letter from a physician practising in a country town in Ontario, which is, to say the least, very suggestive, and which in no uncertain way expresses the feelings of a very large number of the medical electorate throughout the Province.

While we take exception to the statement that we “denounce the Medical Council,” which this journal has never done, nor does it intend or desire to place itself in a position of antagonism to the Medical Council as a legislative body dealing with matters pertaining to our profession; yet we agree with the writer in his view that the Council, as at present constituted, is unnecessarily large, and very much too expensive.

An editorial from one of our staff, in our last issue deals with the former difficulty, and it must rest with the members themselves to lessen the expense of the annual meeting of the Council, which doubtless can easily be done if the proper spirit of economy is shown.

It appears from the yearly statement of the Treasurer that very little attention to economy has been manifested in late years. The profession of Ontario is not disposed to begrudge members of the Council a fair recompense for their time and ability; but the accounts, as rendered, for hotel expenses, mileage to and from Toronto, and daily pay to members, will scarcely repay investigation, and will in some cases do otherwise than redound to the credit of the individual member. We would advise the gentlemen composing the Medical Council that the eyes of the practitioners who send them there are being pretty widely opened to all they do, all they say, and all they justly earn.