

Fredericton, and was attended by the representative dentists of the Province, who enthusiastically commenced the business of the meeting. Dr. A. F. McAvenny, of St. John, was elected President; Dr. H. B. Torrens, of Fredericton, Vice-President; and Dr. C. A. Murray, of Moncton, Secretary-Treasurer. A committee composed of Drs. Magee, McAvenny and F. A. Godsoe, were elected to frame by-laws, etc., for the Society. After devoting some time to important questions concerning the Society, the meeting proceeded to elect the four members of the Council to assist those appointed by the Government. The meeting adjourned, to meet in St. John on the second Tuesday in August, 1891.

On September 30th the Dental Council, composed of Drs. J. M. Magee, of St. John; W. H. White, of St. Stephens; W. D. Camber, of Woodstock; and H. B. Torrens, of Fredericton, elected by the Society; and Drs. A. F. McAvenny, of St. John; J. G. Sproule, of Chatham; and C. A. Murray, of Moncton, appointed by the Governor in Council; met in the office of Dr. McAvenny to elect their officers and prepare to do the business which devolves upon them. Dr. Murray was elected President, and Dr. Magee Secretary and Registrar. After the business of the meeting came an unexpected pleasure, Dr. McAvenny entertaining the members of the Council to a *recherche* dinner at the [Union Club, where an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

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### Humbug in Dentistry.

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What a volume might be written on the part that humbug plays in the practice of some dentists. There is no profession, even the most sacred, which is free from the contamination, and when the very pulpit of every creed has its humbugs, it is no wonder that they *crawl* into medicine and dentistry. There is no country in the world where they are as prolific as in the United States, and often they settle in Canada, and frequently succeed in bamboozling the public, but very seldom the members of the profession they have in some way slipped into. Go to the root, and you rarely find these mortals possessing qualifications honestly obtained.