

law, would have made some most radical changes in the composition of the Ontario Medical Council. The Bill did not pass the Legislature, and there seemed to be a general feeling that it would be unwise to interfere with the composition of the Council just on the eve of a general election. It was further agreed that all qualified practitioners in Ontario, whether they had paid their fees to the Council or not, should be allowed to vote at the next election. Accordingly at the next election which takes place in November every practitioner in Ontario will be allowed to cast his vote. In this way it is hoped that a full expression of the views of the profession will be obtained as to the composition of the Council. Upon the result of this election will largely depend the character of future legislation. If there should be an overwhelming majority of the members elected in favour of maintaining the Council as at present constituted the Legislature will not interfere. If, on the other hand, even a respectable minority of the members elected are in favour of altering the composition of the Council along the lines of the Bill introduced last session, an attempt will be made to have the Medical Act so amended. In the interests of the profession and in the interests of the public it is manifestly the duty of every practitioner to record his vote on this occasion, and not only to record his vote but to fully realize the issue and to see that the candidate for whom he votes will, if elected, be a representative of the views which after careful study of the whole question he believes to be fair and just to all. For some years, as every practitioner knows, there has been going on an agitation to deprive certain institutions of the representation which they have had since the foundation of the Council and at the same time to reduce the representation of the homoeopathic practitioners in the Council. It is true that the agitation has not gained much strength judged by the number of the members of the Council in favour of the proposed changes in the composition of that body. However, it behoves those who are opposed to these changes to be on the alert lest a march be stolen upon them. Such a victory at the ensuing election would mean much. Under the existing circumstances