

are two or more persons so engaged, each of them should pay the fee."

Mr. Mackenzie regretted that a motion had been made in the matter at all, and thought it such a small matter that they should not go to law about it.

Mr. Karn, as a final shot, said it seemed to him that if they had a law on their books it should be enforced, or else the act should be amended.

A motion by Mr. Mackenzie to adjourn, and thus forestall action in the matter, was voted down.

The amendment to the amendment was then put to the meeting and defeated by a substantial majority. The amendment was likewise defeated, but on a small majority, and the main motion was only defeated by the casting vote of the president and chairman.

Thus the resolution and two amendments were defeated, and the council as a body stands in the same position as before the matter was raised.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the council adjourned till 10 o'clock the next morning.

THIRD DAY.

Thursday, February 9th.

President Watters called the council to order at 10.45.

The first business taken up was a motion by Mr. Karn, of which notice was previously given, as follows: "That in accordance with the notice of motion presented at the last semi-annual meeting of the council, that the salary of the registrar-treasurer be increased to \$1,100 per annum, to take effect from Feb. 1st, 1899."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Curry, and carried unanimously.

Registrar Lewis thanked the council briefly and appropriately for their action.

Report No. 1 of the By-laws and Legislation Committee was read by Mr. Hargreaves. It dealt with the applications of several apprentices to have their apprenticeship contracts dated so as to conform to the four-year term required by the college.

The report was adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Executive and Finance Committee was read by Mr. Hunter. It recommended the payment of sundry accounts amounting to \$923.57, and also that the auditors' report and the registrar-treasurer's report be adopted. The following recommendation was also embodied:

"Your committee would recommend

that if the property in rear of the college building, owned by Mr. Maclean Howard, can be purchased at a reasonable price, that the council entertain such proposition, and that the president of the council and the chairman of the Executive and Finance Committee be empowered to conclude the arrangements if they consider the terms favorable."

The report was adopted without amendment.

It was moved by Mr. Curry, and seconded by Mr. Karn, "that this council would recommend the Education Committee to consider the advisability of discontinuing the giving of a special diploma for practical chemistry, and that practical chemistry be added to and made a part of the final examination."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Graham the council adjourned till 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the afternoon Mr. Hargreaves read the second report of the By-laws and Legislation Committee, which made several recommendations of the same character as those contained in the first report.

The report was adopted with minor amendments.

The report of the Divisional Committee was read by Mr. Hargreaves. It showed that there are 777 druggists in the province in good standing. Of these, 431 were favorable and 122 unfavorable to the proposed work of the committee. Two hundred and twenty-four have not replied to any of the communications sent them. Of the 777 in good standing, 120 are M.D.'s, 44 per cent. of whom have replied; while 69 per cent. of druggists have replied. Fifty-five per cent. of all the druggists have placed themselves on record as being favorable to the work of the committee. Those who have not replied are counted as voting against it.

If the views of this number were taken in the same ratio as those who have replied, the percentage in favor would be from 75 to 85. The report concluded as follows: "Your committee believes, in view of the above facts, that the work of this committee should be continued, and that a thoroughly competent druggist be secured to interview every druggist in the province and fully explain the work mapped out by this committee. Your committee recommend further that the chairman insert advertisements in the

Ontario drug journals and two of the Toronto daily papers, say, the *Globe* and *Mail*, asking for applications for this position, the same to be presented to the committee for consideration and engagement."

On motion of Mr. Hargreaves, the report was received, but, owing to the lateness of the hour, and the desire for a full discussion of it, consideration was deferred till the following day.

The Committee on Infringements reported through their chairman, Mr. Karn. They noted a healthy improvement in the last six months in matters pertaining to the observance of the pharmacy laws. During that period the committee investigated more than the usual number of infringements, and collected considerable fees in arrears. Five cases, in all, had been prosecuted, but in one only, that of S. A. Holden, of Collingwood, had a conviction been secured and a fine of \$20 imposed. The other cases, though equally strong in evidence of infringement, for reasons unexplainable were dismissed by the magistrate or mismanaged by the officers of the law, "all of which," said the committee, "we accept as a glaring miscarriage of justice." Two of the cases, one against John Porteous, of the township of Minden, in the county of Stormont, and the other against W. T. Leland, of the village of Hallsville, county of Dundas, were thrown out through mistakes or carelessness of certain officials, and by which the college has suffered great injustice while endeavoring to administer the provisions of the Act.

Proceeding, the report states:

"Your committee is strongly of the opinion that our college should not be subjected to such grave injustice, and in view of the fact that our act is being improperly interpreted, would recommend that the facts in connection with the above cases, and the evidence in others, be submitted to the college solicitors with instructions to place them before the Hon. the Attorney-General, urging that in consequence of there being no apparent means of appeal on the part of the college from the decisions of magistrates, some provision should be made in the statutes that will enable us to obtain justice, or at least a judicial interpretation."

The committee again drew attention to the necessity of all members of the college notifying the registrar when retiring from business, as required by the Act.