

we shall never arrive at any practical results until we decentralize our protective system. Each district ought to have an officer of its own appointed to look after the suppression of illegal practice. The local medical societies ought to take the lead in this movement, choose their lawyer, intrust their cases to him, see that they are properly looked after and are brought to a successful conclusion. This was our opinion formerly, and it is so still. Medical societies are every day growing in number and activity, and under their energetic impulse, the work of weeding-out would not take long.

A regularly constituted medical society has only to ask the President of the Provincial Medical Board, in order to obtain permission to prosecute, in the name of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, any irregular practitioner or quack. Once this permission is obtained, the medical society interested must bear all expenses. Thus only cases certain of success will be undertaken, and the fine inflicted becomes, in each case, the property of the prosecuting society.

In this way alone, we think, may each district hope to be efficaciously protected. For how can a Registrar, who never leaves his office in Montreal, keep a vigilant eye on any case outside the city? Hence those tiresome delays and inevitable discouragement, on the one hand; and impunity, on the other.

We have spoken and written in this strain time and again. Once more we deem it wise to speak to the whole profession, now especially, that the matter is to be taken actively in hand.

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When all members pay their fees regularly, and district medical societies shall have stamped out all illegal practice, and we are blessed with a prudent and economical general management, then, perhaps, shall we arrive at a practical solution of a project long thought of, but thus far impossible of realization: I MEAN THE MUTUAL INSURANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

It was the intention of the Provincial Medical Board to