

Our contention is that when asked who were candidates (as he says he was, by one practitioner), it would, to say the least, have been in better taste for Dr. Milne, remembering that he is the holder of a quasi-public office and practically the returning officer at the election, to have replied that every registered practitioner was eligible as a candidate, and that consequently no official list could be furnished. This would certainly have been more honorable than endeavoring to secure the election of a caucus. I join issue with Dr. Milne on his statement that he only sent the list to *one* practitioner in response to a private letter. However, as it is within the bounds of possibility that this part of the subject may yet be tested in the Supreme Court, and that Dr. Milne may have the opportunity of obtaining the opinion of a disinterested party on his action, I will not take up your space by arguing this point further.

I want, however, to call your attention to Dr. Milne's covert threat, that "were it not for taking up too much of your valuable space (*The Ontario Medical Journal*, under the control of the British Columbia Medical Council) I would show the ridiculous position these men take in endeavoring to advertise themselves." I learn for the first time, sir, that writing a letter to a medical paper is advertising. I am glad, indeed, to note that Dr. Milne has (apparently) at last adopted a high code of ethics, for, if my memory does not serve me very false, Dr. Milne about this time last year used a *lay* paper for the purpose of discussing a medical question, and attacked a prominent member of the profession in this province in an undignified manner, and, in effect, successfully *advertised himself* out of his position as health officer. I repeat that I rejoice to think that the registrar's views have now undergone such a change as to make advertising no longer compatible with registration; but has he not now gone to the other extreme?

Dr. Milne says it is only the work of a "few disgruntled and disappointed men who imagine that he is the Medical Council," etc. Now here, again, I join issue with him, and say that I have not for one moment considered him the whole council. My anxiety is that he should be made to understand very clearly that he is not, but that while he remains an officer of that body he must behave with something like decorum. Dr. Milne should have abstained from making charges of exaggeration and misrepresentation, for frequently, like a boomerang, they come back to the person himself. Dr. Milne should at least have allowed the events of 1892 to be forgotten before he makes charges of this nature against others. Dr. Milne should have borne in mind that the point at issue is confined to very narrow limits, *i.e.*, whether he intentionally or otherwise misused his official position for the purpose of securing the election of himself and a caucus to work with him? and that no amount of abuse or insinuations