

Wednesday morning, the President in the chair, and all the members present. The Registrar announced that Mr. G. E. Butler, a pharmacist of Great Britain, practicing in Ontario, paid his fee of \$1, and, under protest, \$6 for diploma. After discussion it was decided that the amount due by Mr. Butler was \$2 for diploma and \$1 for registration.

The case of Geo. Park, of St. Catharines, in arrears two years, through error, was settled by allowing him to remain a member of the College. He is a practitioner of 32 years standing and is now in ill-health.

The Registrar, instructed by the Vice-President, wished to know whether managers of businesses, such as branch stores, should pay \$1 fees in addition to the \$1 paid by the owner of the business.

Mr. McKenzie mentioned the case of three brothers doing business in Toronto and Paisley, viz.: Messrs. Hargreaves Bros. One of them has almost his entire interest in the Paisley business. The question was whether \$12, \$1 apiece, was the right sum for them to pay. A motion to the effect that such amount be the annual fees due the College by Hargreaves Bros. was carried.

Mr. Sanders thought another \$1 ought to be paid for the branch store.

Mr. McGregor thought it would be a great hardship to make three men pay \$16. It would make the College a sort of sweating place for druggists.

The Chairman did not think the manager of a branch business was entitled to pay \$1. He was the same as a clerk in a store.

A communication was read from Mr. J. E. D'Avignon, of Windsor, a member of the College, requesting the Council to decide the following points, in reference to the application of by-law 10 to voters and candidates in elections for members of the Council:—

(1.) Are assistants who are graduates of the College and who have paid their annual fees eligible as voters? (2.) Are members of the College engaged in the wholesale drug trade eligible as candidates and entitled to vote for members of the Council? (3.) Is the list, specified in by-law 10, the voters' list, and if so at what time must it be issued? (4.) Is the list identical with the list specified in the Act and ordered to be published on the 15th of June? (5.) He also requests a statement defining the last day at which the annual fee may be paid, at the same time preserving the right to vote for members of the Council.

Mr. Sanders thought an answer should be made to this, and he suggested that the subject should be discussed for the benefit of those who are to be candidates for the election.

Mr. Petrie said in reference to this communication, and the methods employed in carrying on the elections, it was not in the hands of this council as a Council. The law places it in the hands of the Registrar. If any gentleman thinks unfair practices are carried on he has the regular courts to go to to get it set right. This board had no right to tell the registrar what to do in carrying on these elections.

Mr. Sanders complained that the regis-

trar had declined to furnish the desired information. It was only fair that he, as returning officer, should submit the information to the electorate in the same manner as a returning officer would submit it to the electorate in a parliamentary election. He characterized by-law 10 as an abortion. There was no enacting clause in it to make it legal.

Mr. Petrie contended that the council had no right to interfere with the management of this election. It could well be claimed that the council which might not be returned again should do nothing to catechising the people as to their votes.

Mr. Lawrence—We are not catechising, we are only asking for information.

Mr. Sanders thought the council had a right to ask what time fees must be paid. Was it proposed to disfranchise any person whose vote was not paid on the first of May, or shall they have the privilege, as has been the custom, to pay their fees up to the first of June, and vote on the list published on the 15th of June. The council had the right to state when these fees must be paid.

Mr. Hall thought that even if the Registrar did give the information Mr. D'Avignon would be no more satisfied than at the present time.

Mr. Watters moved and Mr. Sanders seconded: that the council go into committee of the whole and discuss the matter.

Mr. Petrie moved in amendment and Mr. Mackenzie seconded:—That in answer to Mr. D'Avignon this board do not interfere with the Registrar in the management of the election for the council, he being the duly authorized officer.

Mr. Watters speaking to the amendment, said these were matters about which some information was necessary. He heard on all sides that it was questionable whether men who paid registration fees would be qualified to vote or not. He was sure there was no intention on Mr. D'Avignon's part to interpret to this Council. He asks for information that everyone should possess, and when he asked for it he thought such information should be forthcoming from some official of the Council. If Mr. Petrie's resolution, which was called an amendment, was carried it would reflect very seriously upon this Council as evidence of unwillingness to give desired information.

Mr. Petrie was surprised that any gentleman on this Board should complain that desired information was withheld. No greater harm could be done than interferences of this kind, by an expression of opinion to guide the Registrar in carrying on the Act. All knew that certain officials in the performance of public work were above the Council. The whole movement was a piece of political clap-trap.

Mr. Sanders said as an act of courtesy to such an esteemed member of the College as Mr. D'Avignon, an answer should be given to this letter. He did not appeal to this Board as to a firm of lawyers, but as to those who have framed this Act of Parliament. By-law No. 10 was

so ambiguous that he could not construe it, and, if the Board could, they declined to do so. The Registrar admitted that he had appealed to the solicitor and he could not construe it.

The Registrar—"I did not say that."

Mr. Sanders said he understood him to say that. It was a fact that application had been officially made to Mr. Lewis for information and he had declined to give it.

Mr. Hall said no instructions had been given to the Registrar to get a legal opinion. Any information he had got must have been for his own benefit.

Mr. McKenzie said that there seemed to be an intention to throw out the insinuation that this Council did not desire to give information. Mr. Sanders' statements were to that effect. He took exception to that gentleman's remark that the solicitor was not able to give an explanation of the by-law. The whole thing was a political job. There had been too much political machinery and he would call it a grand day when every member who cultivated political intrigue at the bottom was removed from it.

The amendment was carried, Messrs. Watters, Sanders and Lawrence voting nay.

A petition was read from the students attending the Ontario College of Pharmacy, setting forth that they would like to hear the discussion between the members of the council, and Professors Shuttleworth and Avison, promised by a committee of the board, re their dismissal; some of the committee agreeing to meet Profs. Shuttleworth and Avison to discuss the situation at some future time, and they suggested that the present would be a suitable time for it to take place.

The chairman said he knew of no such engagement.

Mr. Hall said quite a number of students had handed this petition to him, but he had refused to present it to the council. So far as the promises went, at a recent meeting of the building committee the students had made a demonstration against some of the members, and he had remonstrated with them. The students called on him to give reasons for the discharge of the professors. He said he did not wish to do that. They challenged him to meet the professors and he (Mr. Hall) said if the professors desired that, they should have an opportunity to thrash it out, and in that case they (the students) would have an opportunity of hearing anything that was said.

Prof. Shuttleworth was allowed to address the council. He said Mr. Hall spoke to him in the morning, and asked him if he was willing to discuss the matter in the hearing of the students. He (Prof. Shuttleworth) said he was willing to do anything in the interests of the students and of the college. Mr. Hall asked if he thought it would be expedient to have such a meeting. He did not say yes or no.

The letter from the students was placed on file.