

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN :

I have the honor to lay before you a short account of the proceedings of the British Columbia Medical Council for the year ending 30th April, 1893.

During the past year, seven meetings of the Council have been held, of which three were regular meetings—held for the examination of candidates for the license and routine business; the others were held for the purpose of transacting special business.

Among the special business which occupied the attention of the Council, was the case of Dr. Metacrell, who claimed registration by virtue of his certificate of British registration. As there was some ambiguity in the reading of the B. C. Medical Act, the Council declined to register him, and he applied to the Supreme Court of the Province for a mandamus to compel the Council to enter his name on the Register. The learned Chief Justice, before whom the case came, gave his judgment to the effect that persons registered in Great Britain previous to the 30th day of June, 1887, were entitled to be registered in this Province upon furnishing satisfactory proof of British registration, and after paying the fees prescribed by the Medical Council of the Province. A matter which also claimed the attention of the Medical Council, was a bill to amend the Medical Act of 1886, and its amendments.

Section 2 meets the requirements of the Imperial Medical Act, 1886, and allows the registration in this Province of all persons registered in Great Britain on or before June 30th, 1887, upon complying with the rules, etc., of the Council, relative to proof of such registration, and upon payment of the fees fixed by the Council.