

Patrons' platform, is the fact that the 'Toronto oligarchy and its friends have gauged your intelligence so poorly that they are attempting to use that platform as a bug-a-boo, wherewith to scare you into voting for members of the old Council and so-called independent candidates.

*But seriously, is there no danger of the Patrons securing the repeal of the attacked clauses of the Act?*

8. Not the slightest. There is a good solid substratum of common sense in the Legislature which will render their efforts in that direction utterly abortive. This must be appealed to, and, if necessary, strengthened. There are monopolies and monopolies. There are inexcusable monopolies that may be successfully attacked. There are others like those of teaching, law and medicine, limited within reasonable bounds, and beneficent in kind, which are created and maintained in the highest interests of the community. The Patrons being thirty in a House of ninety members, may give trouble to politicians by throwing their votes *en bloc* on one side or the other, and possibly turning the scale on party issues. But medical legislation is quite outside party lines, and on it the Patrons would receive no material support from either side.

*Will it not make your gorge rise to learn that the effusion in the "Farmer's Sun" as well as the Patron platform, as far as it applies to medical legislation, are the results of a disgraceful compact between the Toronto oligarchy and the outcasts of the profession who have been decapitated by the Discipline Committee or are under suspended sentence?*

9. In the February number of the *Ontario Medical Journal* there was inserted a letter attacking me anonymously over the signature "Justice." Many surmised at the time that it was written by an unwhipped recipient of mercy at the

hands of the Discipline Committee. This summer I was definitely informed that our surmises as to the origin of this letter were correct and that, in virtue of a contract made between the Discipline Committee and its author, more of a similar kind were to follow. The insertion, however, of anonymous personalities, even in the *Journal*, created such a storm of disapproval in the profession that the arrangement fell through, since letters from a professional outcast had to be anonymous or not at all. The two-page production in the *Farmer's Sun* of the 19th ult., over the signature of a university graduate is from the same pen, and is a further outcome of the same contract. It is a bogus attack on the Council—appearing in a form and place where it could not possibly injure the body at which it is ostensibly aimed, but is capable of being used with marked effect to prejudice the election of defence candidates. What do you think of such tactics? Does your gorge rise at the recital? Do you approve of a triple alliance between the "Rumpers," "Professional Outcasts," and the *Farmer's Sun*? Are you to be intimidated by such a silly roorback as this? Will you still vote for any of the members of the "Rump Council" or for fast adherents, the so-called independent men? One does not wonder much at an alliance between the "Rumpers" and professional outcasts, but one is surprised to find the Patrons and their official organ in such disgraceful company.

*Finally, do you realize that your only hope of relieving our overcrowded profession, and of stopping the rapid influx into it, lies in the election of Defence men?*

10. Upon an average, six new medical men are crowded into each territorial division annually, while only one or two are withdrawn by death and removals. In every town where only a few years ago