

The council meeting of July, 1909, affords some interesting matter for reflection. As usual the allowance was \$20 a day, and the session lasted from 2 p.m. Tuesday to noon Saturday, or four days. The session cost in per diem \$3,600 for 27 members who attended. As nearly as we can ascertain there was an overcharge for about 45 to 50 days; or a total overcharge of from \$900 to \$1,000. Drs. J. H. Cormack and L. Luton, of St. Thomas, charge \$160 each. Dr. E. C. Jarvis, of London, charges \$160; while Drs. J. MacArthur and W. H. Moorhouse, of London, each charge \$140. We think that Dr. Jarvis charged for three days too much, and that Drs. Moorhouse and MacArthur each took two days over pay. Dr. J. W. Lane, of Mallorytown, was paid \$180. We think he can leave home at 2.43 p.m. Monday and reach Toronto at 10 p.m. The council is in session from Tuesday, 2 p.m., till Saturday noon. He can take the train at 1.50 p.m. and arrive at Mallorytown at 8.39 p.m. This would entitle him to 6 days or \$120.

Of course we know that some members of the council have told us that they are not supposed to travel before a certain hour in the morning, nor after a certain hour in the evening; but the foregoing hours to Dr. Lane would not be regarded by any one as irksome. His allowance, we think, should have been \$120, but the returns from the council show he was paid \$180, or 3 days extra.

Turn now to the council meeting of this year. It went into session at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th July, and rose at noon Saturday, 9th July. Or four days, or to be very exact, 3 days and 2 half days. There were present 28 members, and the amount paid in per diem was \$2,923. The session for July, 1907, cost \$3,135 at \$15 a day for 29 present. The session for July, 1908, at \$20 a day, cost \$3,935 for 29 present; and the session of July, 1909, at \$20 a day cost \$3,660 for 27 present. Each of these sessions was of the same during. This year the session costs \$2,920 for 28 present. Any one will see the drop this year. Surely it is due to the fact that the council was on the defensive and had yielded to the criticism that had been heaped upon it.

We will return to this again in a future issue; but for the present enough to show where some of the money has been going.

ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL CHARGE FOR COMMITTEES.

In 1907 there was a meeting of the Discipline Committee held at the time of the regular July session of the council. Those present at the committee meeting were Drs. Bray, G. Henderson, J. W. Lane, and J. A. Robertson. The fees paid amounted to \$60. This, we think, should not have been charged.