

L. D. RAYMOND *RE. GAOL SURGEON.*

WELLAND, 25th Oct., 1884.

*Wm. McCleary, Esq., Warden, Thorold:*

MY DEAR SIR,—

Having given the subject of your letter to me in the matter of the suspension of the Gaol Surgeon by the Sheriff careful consideration, and having referred to the statute by virtue of which the County Council has the appointment of Gaol Surgeon, being "The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1883," and to the rules and regulations of the Inspector of Prisons for the government of Common Gaols, framed under Cap. 224, Sec. 9 R. S. O., I am of opinion that the control of the Gaol Surgeon is vested in the County Council and not in the Sheriff, and that the rules above named, so far as relates to the suspension of officers, does not apply to Gaol Surgeons.

I think the best method of dealing with the matter, and asserting the rights of the County Council, will be to call a special meeting of the County Council, and notify the Inspector of Prisons so that he may be present, when it is probable that a satisfactory conclusion would be arrived at; or if you do not wish to call a special meeting, it may be advisable to correspond with the Prison Inspector or the Attorney-General, submitting the case to him.

The County Council might, I think, under section 480 of the Municipal Act of 1883, request the County Judge to investigate any charge of misconduct preferred against the Gaol Surgeon, as he is an officer of the corporation.

I am yours very truly,

L. D. RAYMOND,

*County Solicitor.*

## CHARGES MADE BY THE SHERIFF AGAINST THE GAOL SURGEON.

1st. Gross and continued neglect in his attendance as Gaol Surgeon on prisoners confined in gaol, for months previous to his suspension.