

tioners, seeks further to degrade the profession by silking it to the level of the rum-seller. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario require means for its support; this is admitted; it is a just claim, and we doubt not that the profession will fully acknowledge its indebtedness; but in doing so, we shall wonder greatly if it surrenders rights that it at present possesses, and that without the certainty of an equivalent.

The profession in Ontario has representation at the Medical Council by the election of members for certain territorial divisions. The qualification of the electors appears to be the fact of registration. Why not add to this an annual payment of a fee which shall be payable on the 1st January in each year. Those who fail to comply with this tax should be disfranchised. But to force upon the profession the support of a College which has done nothing but divide amongst its members an annual sum of some thousands of dollars does not appear fair, nor do we think the profession will agree to it. In the Province of Quebec a different state of things is seen. 'Tis true we have no central examining board, that is, we fully recognise the diplomas of all Canadian Universities in good standing, and grant our license ad practicandum on payment of fees without examination. Our meetings are held alternately in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and are attended by a full board of 36 governors. At each meeting governors coming from a distance receive the specific sum of ten dollars for their expenses. It may be stated that some of these gentlemen come from near about Gaspé, and in the spring of the year must lose the greater part of a week before they can return to their professional avocations. Let it be understood that it is *not ten dollars a day*, but simply and only ten dollars current money of Canada. It matters not if they are engaged on College business for a month—the amount allowed is the same. Hence there is no object to prolong the meetings. We meet for specific business, and that business we transact in a business way. We have been told that candidates for examination before the Ontario College cannot possibly get through short of three weeks. We have heard that candidates last year were kept running after the Registrar for days at a time, and, strange to say, he never put in an appearance. We know that some of the men who fyled their credentials with the Registrar lost them; but we observe that the College has, wisely we think, substituted an old pine knot for the late official, who is represented as a man who will perform his duty with tenacity, regularity and precision. It need not be wondered that there is no urgent necessity to push through business by the Ontario board, because, as a placebo, “the medical gentlemen who come to conduct the