

MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

This society held an extraordinary meeting on the 4th instant, for the purpose of taking into consideration the Report of the Delegates from the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, appointed to meet the Delegates from the Medical Societies of Quebec, Toronto, and Three Rivers, at the convention held on the 20th ult.

Dr. Badgley laid the following report before the Society :—

“The Delegates appointed by the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal to represent its interests at the convention called for the 20th instant, beg to report, that, in accordance with arrangements previously made, they met the following gentlemen on the above named day, at the Rooms of the School of Medicine and Surgery of this city.

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| Drs. Valois, | } | Delegates from the District of Montreal. |
| Nelson, | | |
| Arnoldi, | | |
| Kimber, | | |
| Marsden, | } | Delegates from the Districts of Three Rivers and Saint Francis. |
| Gilmour, | | |
| Fortier, | | |
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| Morrin, | } | Delegates from the Quebec Medical Society and the District of Quebec. |
| Painchaud, | | |
| Blanchet | | |
| Rousseau, | | |
| Sewell, | | |

Hodder—Delegate from the Toronto and Niagara District Medical Societies. Two delegates from the latter attended at the meeting of the former on the 15th Aug., and concurred in the appointment of Dr. H. as sole representative.

“Dr. Morrin having been unanimously called upon to take the chair, and Dr. Badgley to act as Secretary, *pro tem.*, the delegates presented their credentials from the bodies which they respectively represented.

“Before the announcement from the chair of the objects for which the convention had met, Dr. Nelson rose and enquired whether it was intended that the *nine* delegates from Montreal should be permitted to exercise their right of voting, seeing that there were but *five* to represent the Medical Society and District of Quebec, *three* the Districts of Three Rivers and St. Francis, and *one* the Societies and Districts of Toronto and Niagara. This gave rise to a lengthened discussion, in the course of which, among other conciliatory measures, it was proposed by your delegates, that the five gentlemen representing both the Medical Society and District of Quebec should be permitted to have ten votes. With a view to proceed to business, and to carry out the plan originally designed by the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, and to continue the measures subsequently adopted by the other societies in the Province, it was moved by Dr. Badgley, seconded by Dr. Marsden,

“That an association of the licensed practitioners of the United Province of Canada, be now formed, with a view to excite and encourage a more extensive cultiva-

tion of all the departments of Medical science, and thereby to elevate the character of the profession; to superintend, protect, and maintain the rights and privileges of its members; and to induce among them cordial co-operation in what relates to their common calling, as well as friendship and good feeling in their private relations.”

“To this an amendment was moved by Dr. Rousseau, seconded by Dr. Fortier :

“Que les Délégués de la profession Médicale des différentes districts de la Province, ici représentés, se forment immédiatement en convention, pour délibérer sur les intérêts de la dite profession.”

“The amendment being put from the chair, was carried by a majority of one, the votes being

For the Amendment,

- Drs. Arnoldi,
- Blanchet,
- Fortier,
- Gilmour,
- Kimber,
- Nelson,
- Painchaud,
- Rousseau,
- Valois.

Against it,

- Drs. Badgley,
- Crawford,
- David,
- Fraser,
- Hodder,
- Marsden,
- MacDonnell,
- Sewell.

“The amendment of Dr. Rousseau having been carried, your delegates, being the representatives only of a local Society, (albeit, that the Society which they represented had originated the scheme, which the Convention of delegates was to have ratified,) felt that they were virtually excluded from taking any farther part in the business of the meeting, and having verbally protested against the extraordinary line of conduct adopted by the majority, withdrew. They were accompanied also by Drs. Hodder and Marsden.

“Had Dr. Badgley’s original motion been carried, the following, which was to have been moved by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Sewell, and which had been more than once read to the meeting before Dr. Rousseau’s amendment was put, would have been proposed:—

“That we, the delegates named by the different *Medical Societies and Districts* of this Province, to represent them at this meeting, do hereby agree to form ourselves into and constitute ‘The Provincial Medical Association of Canada.’”

“Your delegates deeply deplore the result of the day’s transactions, and the temporary defeat of a measure calculated, without the slightest reference to party or private interest, religion or race, to effect so much benefit not only on the Medical Profession, but on the public generally, and in expressing their regret, they feel reluctantly compelled to attribute the event to the conduct of some of the representatives of the Quebec Medical Society, as well as of certain members of *this* Society, who, in raising the question as to the right of voting, demonstrated most distinctly and forcibly their determination to exclude your delegates from all participation in the business of the meeting, and to treat the Society which they represented with the most bitter contempt. They beg leave, however, to allude to certain circumstances connected with the meeting, upon which they would congratulate their fellow members.

“1st. The gentlemanly demeanor, strict impartiality,