

If the physicians of this province took an active part in these as well as in other matters they could wield a large influence, and thereby would not be received with such scanty courtesy as they have in the past by some of our legislators.

To Dr. Bissett, M. P. P., our profession is greatly indebted for overseeing our rights and defending the citizens from undesirable legislation.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Most of our readers will recall the fact that a very few years ago it was quite the fashion to decry the Legislative Council; to point out that Ontario, in some respects the foremost province of the Dominion, got along without a second chamber, and for these reasons the Council in this province should be abolished. It was pointed out that a considerable saving to the province in the matter of expenditure could thus be effected.

By way of reply to this last statement we may at once say that inasmuch as the sum of sixty thousand dollars is allowed by the Dominion Government to Nova Scotia for legislative expenses, and that this is amply sufficient to meet its requirements, it cannot be argued that the Council is in this respect a burden upon the province that could be lightened by its abolition; for should that be effected, then the Dominion authorities would be justified in deducting from the grant for legislative expense the amount so saved, for we submit that this or no other province should be permitted to exploit the Federal Treasury, upon the pretext that a certain sum was required when as a matter of fact it was not required for such purposes.

With reference to Ontario, we may be permitted to remark that had the salutary check for a second chamber existed during the last twenty years in that province, the whole Dominion would have been spared the details of political jobbery which in that time have been furnished by the banner province of Canada.

There never was, and we trust there never will be, a sincere desire on the part of the people of this province to abolish the Council. Demands of this kind have come not from the people but from designing politicians actuated solely by a desire to embarrass, those to whom they were opposed.