

our regular laws, but any foot notes or regulations in the announcement are necessarily repealed when you adopt a new one.

Dr. BERGIN—It may be so, but I do not think so.

Dr. THORBURN—Your decision, Mr. President, of course will be recorded.

The PRESIDENT—That will be recorded and will serve the purpose without raising new doubt.

Dr. BRAY moved, seconded by Dr. Philip, that this Council desires to express their surprise at, and disapproval of, the disgraceful and slanderous article which appeared in the columns of the *Toronto Daily Mail* under date of June 13th, 1893, and at the same time brand it as false, malicious and misleading, reflecting as it does not only on the Medical Council but also on the Government of Ontario, and more particularly on the medical members of the Legislature.

Dr. BRAY—In introducing this motion I did it with the view of this Council giving expression to its views upon this article and other similar articles that have appeared from time to time in the secular press as editorials and communications. While it has been stated to me that the best way to treat these things is with silent contempt, I think that we have been a long-suffering Council; I think we have been treating them in that way too long. As far as the Council, or the individual members of the Council, are concerned, it matters not to us, because we know the inwardness of, and where these things spring from and the reasons that give rise to, these articles. But this is not so with the public and the general profession; and if we allow these things to go on any longer, the public and the profession who do not know will naturally believe them—a great many will believe them unless there is some contradiction or some expression of opinion given by this Council, the authorized representative of the profession and I think that while some of those things might be treated with contempt, an article of this kind should not be; and I move this resolution for the purpose of giving every member of this Council an opportunity of expressing his opinion, and to have those opinions published broadcast.

Dr. FOWLER—I quite agree with Dr. Bray in saying that we should not treat the matter with silent contempt, but I think we should use expres-

sions of a less forcible character. I think we should speak in a manner to express those views without using such very strong language. The language, in my opinion, is altogether too strong, and we can express our views in a much more temperate way.

Dr. HARRIS—For my part I am entirely in accord with Dr. Bray. I do not think he has made his motion too strong. I do not think it could be made too strong. We have been very badly treated, as a Council, by the *Mai* newspaper

this very paper that has published the article referred to, and I think it is high time this Council should rise up and defend itself in some way against false accusations of that kind. I think the resolution is the proper thing: I think it is properly worded, and not at all too strong.

Dr. BRITTON—I do not know that I should stand up to say a word regarding this were it not that there is a direct and personal charge, something more than bare insinuation, made against the members of the Legislative Committee of this Council; that the Legislative Committee last year wasted the funds of this Council and the funds of the profession. I was not a member of the Legislative Committee last year excepting by invitation: when the Committee met and approached the Legislature they asked my friends, Dr. Johnson and Dr. Gekie, and myself to join in with them and to use what influence we could; and therefore I personally hold myself quite as much responsible as I would hold any member of that committee as appointed by this Council; therefore, indirectly, I was a member of the Legislative Committee of last year, and indirectly I was a member of the Committee of this year. For a whole year we have been deluged with entire columns of insinuations, and I must say there were a good many prevarications and a few infernal untruths in those communications that came to the daily *Mai*. Some of us took time to read them; some of us could not find time to wade through the mass of rubbish. Now here we have before us a direct charge that not only have we conducted ourselves in an unseemly manner, but we have gone so far as to give a very expensive champagne lunch to several members of the Local Legislature, and the insinuation is it was done for a set purpose. All I have to say is, that although I am not extremely fond of