

To Council Electors.

To an outsider such as I, it seems very strange that any one possessed of the capabilities of Prof. Shuttleworth should oppose the actions of those whom he must have known were his masters in authority, especially as it has yet to be shown that he wasn't anxious to retain his long filled position.

He is popularly credited with being a skilled diplomat in pharmacy matters, but in the present instance it is hard to harmonize such a reputation with the opposition he has invoked against the powers that be, as similar actions on the part of any other individual so placed, would at once be construed as suicidal to his personal interests.

Those who claim to be familiar with the personal characteristics of the Professor, are free in asserting that he is very tenacious of purpose, and adheres to his convictions, under opposition, with a pertinacity which the well known policy he has hitherto evinced cannot overcome.

It is generally believed, and with very good ground for such belief, that his opposition to the present Council, or at least to those who now represent its power, originated when a number of the present members first sought election, as we find the *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal* of that period giving an indirect negative to the gentlemanly character and reputation of these gentlemen in a body. And ostensibly because they saw fit to associate for election purposes in issuing a circular in which they criticized the manner in which the finances of the College had been husbanded, and also because they opposed the right of his friend—a prominent wholesale druggist—to act in that capacity as a representative of the retail trade. The personal dislike which he seems to have entertained for Mr. Pearen, who was a well advertised if not prominent member of the new regime, may too have been a factor in generating an opposition which has since continued, and unfortunately for him, to his own hurt.

That all these things had an influence in promoting such an unfortunate antagonism, we are safe in assuming, but that they were not the sole cause is rendered very evident from the statement made by Mr. Shuttleworth at the late Council meeting, that "he was an old regime man." This short sentence as a statement, coming at such a time, and from such a source, is now looked upon as being an open and candid expression of the reason why his sympathies and support could not be given those members, who in position and commanding influence now form the new regime. Unhappily for the peace of the present Council, Mr. Shuttleworth was not the only one intimately associated with its doings, who was an old regime man. Messrs. D'Avignon and Sanders could also lay claim to the honor, and well have they sustained it; although a sad minority in point of numbers, they were well posted in Council routine, and failed not to make untenable, if possible, any position which the majority sought to take.

The majority of the Retail Druggists of Canada are now taking considerable interest in the Council news, which the advertiser on page 17 furnishes each month.

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