

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 1910.

Two journals, THE CANADA LANCET and *The Canadian Journal of Medicine and Surgery*, have persistently demanded a full accounting at the hands of the medical council, not only for this and future years, but for the past three years of this council. To these demands the council has yielded.

When THE CANADA LANCET made application some months ago for the information about the finances, the answer came back from the treasurer and the registrar that it could not be furnished. When the President was asked for it, he referred us to the member for West Toronto. When the member for West Toronto was applied to he said he did not feel that he should go to the treasurer and inspect the books and then hand out the information. He preferred to wait till the regular meeting of the council and ask for it. If it would then be refused he would feel free to secure the information for himself and give it out.

But the council has yielded. Truly, as Shakespeare, makes Falstaff say, "The better part of valour is discretion," and so we get the information for our readers which the council should have published in the announcement during the past years. The foolish argument that it would cost too much to add two or three more pages is not worthy the answering. Bassanio says in the Merchant of Venice: "His reasons are as two grains of wheat hid in two bushels of chaff: You shall seek all day ere you find them, and, when you have them they are not worth the search."

We were not hunting for the reasons why we did not get the facts, we were hunting for the facts and we have them now. They came unwillingly and they came none too soon.

Though we did not come in for a share of the council's wrath we feel that we were equally guilty with our contemporary, *The Journal of Medicine and Surgery*. Perhaps the council felt something like Jack the Giant Killer when he set out to clear the Welsh forests of those destroyers of men and things that they had better take us separately; and so they poured their wrath on Dr. Young. But neither of us did a wrong, and in the interests of the medical profession we have got at all the facts. It was in very bad form for certain members of the council to abuse the medical press for trying to secure medical information regarding the medical parliament of this province for the medical constituents and contributors.

But the indications point to the conclusion that the medical council has given access to the information we have tried to secure somewhat unwillingly as the boy is said to have gone to school in "As You Like It." In reading the reports of the meeting as we get them in the *Mail*, *Globe*, and *Star*, we come upon some rare tit-bits indeed.