

OSTEOPATHY.

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The N. B. Medical Society has just emerged from a hot conflict with the disciples of the latest fad in quackery known as "Osteopathy." The friends and patrons of this new method, or science as they are pleased to call it, had sufficient influence to have a bill brought before the N. B. Legislature to legalize its practice. This naturally brought forth an energetic protest from the Medical Council, and a plan or proposal was agreed upon by every member of the profession who could be communicated with, to unite with this body in opposing such legislation in all stages of its progress. Naturally the most active interest in this matter would be taken in St. John. Here a meeting of the profession was called, which was very largely attended, and a committee appointed to confer with the members of the Medical Council and prepare a statement setting forth as concisely as possible, from a medical standpoint, the reasons for opposing such legislation.

This Committee, consisting of Drs. J. W. Daniel, John Berryman, Murray MacLaren, W. S. Morrison and J. H. Morrison, met with the Council and rendered most valuable assistance.

The first move was to oppose the measure before the "Bills Committee" of the legislature.

This was a very interesting meeting and occupied part of two days. All that could be said pro and con "re Osteopathy," was advanced by the friends and opponents of the bill.

Mr. Buckmaster, the father of "Osteopathy" in this province, did not put in an appearance at this meeting to explain to the Committee what this new "pathy" meant, and as there were no one who appeared to know even the meaning of the word, the Committee, 4 to 3, voted against the bill. Strange to say, the three gentlemen in favor of the bill were members of the Executive Council. Those gentlemen were so enamoured of the "fledgeling" that they would not allow it to be killed in this summary way, but insisted that it be brought before the House "unrecommended."