

any particular reference to the newly-created Dominion Medical Council, as that does not so immediately concern us. I may say, however, that I think it is structurally weak in the same particular as our own Provincial Board.

The regulation and control of the practice of medicine, surgery and obstetrics in this province is in the hands of the Medical Council, consisting at present of eighteen territorial, six collegiate and five homeopathic representatives. According to a statement issued not long ago by our territorial representative, there are in this province about three thousand and fifty licensed practitioners, of whom fifty are homeopaths. According to these figures every ten homeopaths have a representative in the Council, while the rest of us are represented only in the proportion of one to one hundred and twenty-five. Aside from this anomaly I see no particular objection to the composition of our Council, except that three of the collegiate representatives do not represent colleges or universities where medicine is taught at the present time. In 1912 a committee appointed by the Council recommended that the representation of the universities be reduced to those actually engaged in the teaching of medicine and that the number of homeopathic representatives be reduced to two and territorial representatives to ten. This has not yet become law.

I am informed by communications recently received from the registrar of the Council that during the past eight years there have been only five candidates take the homeopathic examination. If there is to be a reorganization of the Council, I think the homeopaths should seriously consider the advisability of giving up completely their special representation in the Council. I say this out of no disrespect for the homeopaths. Man for man they are probably as good as the rest of us, but a great many things have happened in the medical world since the time of Hahnemann. The present generation of homeopaths have lived to see in the therapeutic use of vaccines probably the nearest approach to a corroboration of Hahnemann's theory that it is likely to receive. But so far as I know the homeopaths themselves had nothing to do with the introduction of vaccines. They have probably not taken up their use any quicker than the rest of us, and it is possible that the field of usefulness of these vaccines may prove to be more restricted than many enthusiasts at present believe. So that I think, taking everything into consideration, now would be a very good time for them to give up their special representation. Their presence in the Council makes it that much more difficult for us to say to the Legislature—There is a certain amount of knowledge