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EDITORIAL.

THE RECENT SESSION OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

The recent meeting of the Medical Council was an important one. Several topics of much interest to the medical profession of this province and of the whole Dominion were up for consideration.

In dealing with the case of Dr. S. B. Pollard, the work of the Medical Council was comparatively easy. He had been convicted of performing a criminal operation. His lawyer, Mr. A. A. Bond, made a plea for Dr. Pollard that the name of his client should not be struck off the register. This was not acceded to by the Medical Council, and the order was made that the doctor's name be erased.

The case of Dr. W. R. Cook was not so easily disposed of. Dr. Cook and his legal counsel, Mr. Hassard, addressed the Medical Council. During September, 1908, Dr. W. R. Cook was tried in the court by Judge Winchester and a jury. On that occasion he was acquitted. The Medical Council did not deal with this phase of the case, but decided to remove his name from the register on the ground of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect.

Those who voted for the removal of his name were: Drs. Bascom, Gibson, Griffin, Hart, Hillier, Hoare, Johnson, King, Lane, Linton, MacCallum, MacColl, Ryan, Moorhouse, Robertson, Spankie, and Starr, 17.

Those who opposed the motion were Drs. Adams, Cormack, Hardy, Jarvis, MacArthur, Merritt and Wickens, 7.

Drs. Henderson, Henry, Temple and Vardon were not in the room when the vote was taken.

Dr. T. W. Vardon, of Galt, and Dr. E. T. Adams, of Toronto, moved that the case of Dr. W. R. Cook be postponed until the next meeting of the Council in July, 1910. The order as given, however, prevailed.

The finances of the Medical Council came up for criticism. It was very freely stated by a number of the members that the finances were in an unsatisfactory condition. It is quite evident that the whole subject of expenses will have to be revised and new methods adopted.