

I must say that the impression I gathered from my conversation with Dr. Edwards, who pressed this case upon me very strongly, was that his sole business here during this Council meeting was for the purpose of placing this gentleman's name upon the register; and I thought, and I gave Dr. Edwards so to understand, that he might have been here upon the business which would be much more in the interests of the Council and of the public at large than the enrollment of this name upon the register. I feel now as I did when I was speaking to Dr. Edwards, that it would not redound to the credit of this Council, nor will it be to the benefit of the community, that this gentleman's name should appear upon our register as entitled to practise in this province.

Dr. ROGERS—I would simply agree with what Dr. Bergin has said. And by reading over the Act carefully I can see exactly the points he takes—that if he had practised six years before, we must leave it to the homeopathic men and let them decide it, but he cannot come in under that; in the second place, he cannot come in under Section 23; and I cannot see for the life of me how we can admit him under our Medical Act without examination. The Medical Act is specific, clear and very emphatic; and it seems to me we would be violating our pledges as members of this Council if we were to admit this gentleman.

Dr. WILLIAMS—I think, in looking over this clause, there is certainly not a legitimate claim for registration under the clause. I believe there have been precedents established by this Council already for holding examinations similar to that proposed by the Registration Committee. There is a case within my recollection, I think, of a gentleman now practising in the city of Toronto, and who has been practising here for a great number of years, who was admitted to examination, and was referred to the homeopathic examiners to be examined by them; he was examined and passed by them, and placed upon the register after having passed that examination. I presume that that is just about the course the Registration Committee had in their minds in this case: that they were really following the precedent that had been established a good many years ago. I have some little doubt as to the advisability of it. At the same time I have not doubts so strong that it would lead me to strike out the clause of the report. If it were left to myself entirely I am not sure I would strike it out, but if the Council wish it in that way I shall offer no strong objections. When a Canadian has been out of the country for a good many years and has been practising medicine some place else, and then wishes to retire and return to his own country, I admit that my sympathy, as a Canadian, goes out to him sufficiently that I have some scruples about the advisability of striking out that clause. And while, as a matter of duty towards the Medical Council, I might be compelled to vote in that way, it would be contrary to my sympathies and my kinder feeling when I do so.

Dr. CAMPBELL—I know nothing personally about this except what Dr. Edwards has said that this gentleman is a Canadian returning to spend his later days in his own country; and as precedents have been established before I made the explanation.

On motion the clause of the report was amended to read, "That the Council have not power to grant the request of R. M. Luton; that he must comply with the Medical Act and pass his examination.

The clause was then adopted as amended.

Clauses 2 and 3 were then read and adopted. Clause 4 was read.

Dr. JOHNSON—I would suggest as an amendment, if the Council are inclined to give Dr. Washington his status again, that it should be only done on the ground that he pay all the costs of the Council connected with his trial. Dr. Washington, I understand, is desirous of practising here, where I believe his home is—his father and mother live here I understand. I do not know Dr. Washington, except from his having written to me in this matter. He asks that the Council shall reinstate him upon any consideration, and upon any condition.

Dr. MILLER—I would be sorry to admit the gentleman again simply on payment of costs. If it is right and proper to restore him to the register I would do so, and say the College has a perfect right to pay the costs. It would certainly bear the appearance of having been a matter of bargain and sale; and I would very much rather that our costs were not restored to us than that they should be paid to us at the expense of an improper resolution.

Dr. ROGERS—As far as I am concerned I think it is an insult to this Council, after doing what he has done, to even make an application to have his name restored.

Dr. PHILIP—A resolution has been passed by this Council, that parties who have had their names erased from the register, and desire to seek re-registration, shall not have the privilege of making application therefor, until the expenses of the investigation, and the costs incurred in connection with erasing their names have first been paid; therefore this matter cannot be considered now by this Council.

Dr. WILLIAMS—In my view there should be no consideration about his being placed upon the register at all by paying fees.

The report was adopted as read and amended.

On motion the committee rose. The President in the chair.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole on the report of the Registration Committee was adopted.

Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Harris, that this Council do now adjourn to meet again at 8 o'clock this evening. Carried.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 15th, 1894.

The Council met at eight o'clock. The President, Dr. Philip, in the chair, called the Council to order. The roll was called by the Registrar, and the following members were present: Drs. Bergin, Bray, Britton, Campbell, Day, Fowler, Fulton, Geikie, Harris, Henderson, Henry, Johnson, Logan, Luton, Miller, Moore, Moorhouse, Orr, Philip, Rogers, Rosebrugh, Ruttan, Thorburn, Vernon, and Williams.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the President.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Dr. Bergin gives notice that he will, at the next meeting of the Council, introduce a by-law to provide the terms on which this Council will receive Matriculation and other certificates of the colleges and other institutions not in the Province of Ontario.