

## CONTESTED SEAT.

The President read a communication from a firm of City Solicitors on behalf of Dr. Day, who was defeated by Dr. Irwin in the recent election for the Quinte and Cataraqui division. The Council were advised that unless they saw fit before the close of the present session to rescind the illegal decision arrived at, sustaining Dr. Irwin in his seat, an injunction would be filed in the Court of Chancery to obtain for Dr. Day recognition of his legal rights.

Dr. CLARK said that in adopting the report of the Committee on Credentials, they had declared in Council that Dr. Irwin was the proper representative, and they would have to fight it out in the Court of Chancery.

Dr. BROUSE proposed that they send a reply to the communication, stating that the question had been before the Council and judgment had been passed upon it, and that from the evidence presented to them they considered that Dr. Irwin was entitled to the seat.

Dr. BERGIN thought the Council was only acting as an arbiter between the parties, and if Dr. Day wished to contest the seat he should file a bill against Dr. Irwin and not against the Council. He looked upon it as if the letter was sent to them with a view of intimidating them, and he would not yield to threats of this kind.

After some further discussion the subject was laid over till a subsequent sitting.

## CHANGES IN EXAMINATION.

Dr. GRANT moved, seconded by Dr. MOSTYN, "That inasmuch as it has become known to the members of this Council that at present there are several members of the medical profession in good standing, who from active professional duties during a period of not less than five years have been unable to undergo the usual theoretical part of the examinations and register in the Province, that any such, on the requisition of at least five or more registered and co-associated practitioners of the county in which such applicant resides, shall have a practical examination at the next annual meeting of the Council, in order that after having given ample evidence of the required qualification any such may be enabled to avail themselves of the privileges of this Council." The mover had had an application from two practitioners in the lower part of the Province who, on account of active duties, were in the position described in the resolution. He had placed a rider in the resolution requiring that an applicant must obtain the signatures of five of his brethren to his requisition.

The motion was referred to the Educational Committee.

## TERM OF THE COUNCIL.

Dr. BRAY moved, seconded by Dr. BURNS, "That in the opinion of this Council the Legislature should be approached on the first favourable opportunity with a view of having the Medical Act so amended as to shorten the duration of the term for which each Council is elected, making such term three instead of five years, in deference to the widely expressed wish of the profession." A great many medical men throughout the Province were of opinion that the term of five years was too long, and he had been requested to bring the motion before the Council.

The motion was lost on a division.

## EXAMINERS.

Dr. BURNS moved, seconded by Dr. BRAY, "That hereafter no examiners should be appointed from the Medical Council." Lost.

## ASSESSMENT ARREARAGES.

Dr. WRIGHT moved, seconded by Dr. BERGIN, "That a circular be issued and sent to every member of the College by the Registrar so soon after the close of the present session of the Council as conveniently may be, setting forth fully the present financial condition of the Council, showing the amount of arrearages of assessment and the necessity for immediate payment of these arrearages. Also calling the attention of members of the College to the necessity of notifying the Registrar of every change of residence by a member of the Council, and also to that clause of the Imperial Act under which registered practitioners under that Act can demand registration by this Council." Carried.

The Council adjourned at six o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

The Council met again at eight o'clock, the Vice-President, Dr. Bergin, in the chair.

Dr. BURNS wished to say, in reference to his recent candidature for the position of Treasurer, that he consented in deference to the expressed wish of a majority of the territorial representatives, who felt that a school man should not hold the position. Personally, he had no objection to the present incumbent of the position; he had no desire for the office; but he could not resist the application, especially as there was no other eligible territorial representative resident in the city.

The Committee appointed to consider the tariff of the Newcastle and Trent Medical Association recommended the reception of the same, and it was passed in Committee of the Whole and adopted forthwith.