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THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

The elections to this body are at hand. The profession have been made fully aware of the gross mis-management of the funds of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. It is now the duty of the registered practitioners of the Province to put an end to this state of affairs.

The profession in every district should demand a full account of the stewardship rendered by the representative of that district. No half-way explanations should be accepted. Each member of the Council should be asked by what means a four days' session was extended into one of six days, and this for three successive years. The demand should be made why some members were paid fees for attending on committees on the days of regular council session. The demand should also be made why five cents a mile each way were paid for travelling when the member is also paid \$20 a day while travelling. A demand should also be made for allowing such an expenditure as \$230 on two committee meetings for the purpose of selecting a system of filing the documents of the Council.

It is the duty of every physician in the Province to see that every dollar that has been improperly expended in these ways be returned to the treasury. We have shown that about \$2,000 has been wrongfully paid for sessional allowances. About \$580 improperly to committees, and about \$1,600 too much for mileage. These sums aggregate over \$4,000 that have been paid out in excess of the slightest shadow of justice or reason. Were persons in the employ of any business concern convicted of such use of the company's funds, they would be at once dismissed.

There are two aspects in which the members of the Council are guilty. In the first place as permitting these improper payments; and, in the second place, as accepting fees not properly coming to them. On both of these counts the expiring Council stands condemned. We may quote the words of Shakespeare,—

We few, we happy few, we band of brothers.