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## EDITORIAL.

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### THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL, OVERCHARGE ON PER DIEM.

The meeting of 1907 was held in Kingston from 2 p.m. of 2nd July to noon of 6th July. This would call for an outlay on the 29 who attended of \$1,740, as the per diem on that occasion was \$15. The amount paid for per diem, however, was \$3,135. This was made up of 6 days which the council voted the session should consist of plus extra time in going to and from Kingston. Thus Dr. E. G. Adams, of Toronto, was paid \$120; or for one day going and one day returning, and six days in Kingston; or for 4 days in Kingston and 2 days going and 2 returning. It is an actual fact that over \$500 was taken in per diem on that occasion which should not have been taken.

Turning to the meeting of the council of 1908, held in Toronto, beginning at 2 p.m. on 7th July and ending at noon on 11th July, and at an allowance of \$20 a day, we find Drs. E. G. Adams, W. Britton, E. A. P. Hardy, A. J. Johnson, E. E. King and J. A. Temple, all of Toronto, charge \$120, or two days too much. A mere resolution of the council cannot make six days of from 2 p.m. Tuesday to noon Saturday. This meeting of the council cost in per diem \$3,935. We make out that it should have cost about \$2,700 or \$2,800; or an overcharge of about \$1,100.

We might remark on a few of the examples of overcharge. Drs. J. H. Cormack and L. Luton, both of St. Thomas, charge \$160. This is one day coming, one day returning, and six days at the session. Now, one can leave St. Thomas in the morning, arrive in Toronto before 12, attend the council from 2 p.m. Tuesday till noon Saturday, and leave Toronto Saturday afternoon and be in St. Thomas in the evening. This would call for \$100. What of the extra \$60 to each? Drs. C. E. Jarvis, J. MacArthur, and W. H. Moorhouse, all of London, can come to Toronto on the morning train and return in the afternoon one. Thus they would use five days in attendance on the council meeting, but they draw \$160, or \$20 a day for 8 days. Is this right?