

which has saddled the Beausoleil party upon us for the last ten years, second, that at no time have anything approaching a majority of the profession in this province voted for this party. We leave our readers to draw their conclusions as to why the present Board represents that doing away with proxies will necessarily disfranchise any large proportion of the electors. Can the present Board, who claim to have studied the matter during the past ten years, know absolutely nothing about the election methods of Ontario and their practical working? What is there in the proxy system as controlled by a sympathetic registrar, which so enchants them? If they knew that the abolition of proxies instead of lessening the vote would increase it, why have all their programmes and circulars kept back this information, and continued to assert that the abolition of proxy voting will disfranchise a hypothetical three-fourths of the electors? Have they a presentiment that the actual three-fourths of the profession who have not voted during the past decade may be less blind to those little peculiarities on account of which the dynasty of Beausoleil I. is now threatened with destruction?

Local representatives who faithfully serve the interests of their districts will be far more secure if proxies are done away with, than at present. In Ontario, when the contest is not keen, where the profession are well satisfied with their representative, the vote may be small or the candidates may be returned by acclamation. But we hold that a larger vote can be obtained without proxies than with them, and we challenge those who state the contrary to bring forward facts and figures to prove their side of the case, though we fear they may have some difficulty in so doing.

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