

The Registrar also read the report attached.

The President put the motion to refer the petition to the committee and declared it carried.

Dr. Harris presented report No. 1 of the Education Committee and moved, seconded by Dr. Rogers, that the report be received. Carried.

Dr. Bergin moves, seconded by Dr. Fulton, that the report be read. Carried.

Registrar reads report.

Moved by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Rosebrugh, that the Council go into Committee of the Whole upon report No. 1 of the Education Committee. Carried.

Dr. Miller—I think it would be well to have it understood that the stenographer should report the proceedings in the Committee of the Whole.

Dr. Bergin in the chair.

Report read clause by clause.

Dr. Gilmour, M.P.P., was here introduced to the Council and requested to take a seat upon the platform.

Dr. Ruttan—(Speaking to first clause of report) I think this is a matter of very great importance and that we should be very careful of the individuals who are placed upon that Committee. We do not want any body there that is interested in this or that school. We want a fair representation from the profession in Ontario; and not school men in particular. And, furthermore, the Medical Association, as a whole, is a liberal profession. A medical man who is qualified to practice his profession in any one of the Provinces of Canada, should have a right to practice his profession in the whole Dominion of Canada. It is not like the legal profession, because in Lower Canada they have the French code of laws and a different code in Ontario; and therefore they require to serve a certain apprenticeship or study in these several Provinces in order to qualify themselves to practice within these Provinces, but it is not so with the practice of medicine; a medical man is a medical man wherever he may go. We have in this country the humiliating spectacle that each of the Provinces has a Board of its own, and no matter how well qualified a physician may be if he is living in the Province of Quebec he is liable to fine if he crosses the line to practice in Ontario; and it is the same with a physician living in Ontario who crosses to practice in Quebec; go further west and it is the same, out to British Columbia; no matter competent a physician may be; no matter how high his standing may be, he cannot go into British Columbia from Ontario and practice his profession without submitting himself to the humiliation of an examination; and that examination may, perhaps, be before examiners who were his own pupils in the schools in Ontario and Quebec. There should be something very different fixed with regard to this matter. There are just as competent medical men in Quebec as in On-

tario; and just as competent men in Ontario as in Quebec; there is not a whit difference between them; it is a mere sectional affair. The principal parties who are interested in this matter are the schools. On that account I object in committee to any man interested in any of these schools belonging to that committee, and I hope this matter will be taken seriously into consideration. For my own part, I feel very largely interested in it; and I think the profession as a whole is largely interested. We are driving our own men out of the country by this kind of legislation which I say is no benefit to the profession or the public, but that the principal parties interested in it, there is no doubt, are the schools.

Dr. Harris.—I wish to say one word to correct an impression Dr. Ruttan has got. The Committee is composed of the Education Committee, together with the President. There is only one man representing a school on that committee, and that is Dr. Thorburn. so far as I am concerned I represent a university; Dr. Moore represents a university, and Dr. Logan is also a representative of a university; the rest of the committee are territorial representatives.

Dr. Henry—I think it might be better for the chairman of the committee to give us some information on which he is recommending that this committee be sent down to meet the others. I do not know that there are any overtures made.

Dr. Philip—I having been connected with the Finance Committee, would like to have some information about this; it is obscure in the nomination—it states the president and members of the Executive Committee shall form a committee, etc.; and states the Registrar shall write to them, and ask them to meet this committee at the City of Ottawa on the 20th of September; I want to know from the chairman of the committee, when he gives his information, how this committee is to be paid. We have had committees of this Council in the past, and some of them very innocent looking at their establishment, but when it is all over and the bill is sent in, there is a great big bill to be paid by the Ontario Medical Council. I myself object to the committee being formed unless the financial aspect of the matter is understood. If there is a small committee I myself am in favor of having a committee to meet the committees from the other Provinces, on registration. I would not object to a small committee consisting of the President, and perhaps one or two members to meet this deputation; but unless there is a very clear explanation as to whether that committee is to receive remuneration, and if so, how they are to be paid, I shall object to that clause in committee.

Dr. Thorburn—I think Dr. Ruttan's idea is a very good one, that there should be reciprocity between the different provinces, in reference to the power to practice, and so on; that should not