

torials who spoke to it one only cast in his lot openly with the appointees, and seven professed to favour its sale under possible, ill-defined conditions that might exist some time in the future. After the discussion had gone merrily on for several hours a territorial member, with less discretion than was desirable, asked the appointee who had the matter in hand: "Has there been an offer made?" to which he reluctantly replied: "No, there has been no offer made. It is merely an enquiry, and there is an addendum to it: I will expect my commission;" and so the real estate inflation collapsed. The resolution to give the library free rooms was another simple device to allow the territorials seeking re-election to declaim against the edification of their constituents, and the gratuity of \$600, given to one of their members whom they fancied had "a very strong arm to strike a blow in their defence," were also expected to yield good returns.

Had the profession not risen in revolt in 1891, and in a measure completed the revolution by securing the protective legislation of 1893, against the tyrannous methods adopted to secure the means to gratify the extravagant tastes of their governors, what would be its condition to-day? The members would be presenting themselves, with due humility before the Registrar, at the end of the year to secure a certificate to enable them to follow their calling for another year; the officers of the Council would be receiving salaries equal to that paid to Cabinet Ministers; the members would have a sessional indemnity equal to that of members of the Legislature; the profession would be inflated with the idea of great profits from real estate investments, and with fabulous increase in values during Council's manipulation; the increase of the tax which failed to pass in 1891 would have been secured in 1892, and the profession would now be contributing

\$15,000 a year to the Council's funds,—it was the failure to secure this power that was referred to in ex-President Campbell's address when he said: "We have not been able to obtain all (the legislation) we desired,"—and while the members of the Council revelled in luxury they would be exacting humble obedience to all demands by the yearly renewal plan.

This was the goal they had marked out to attain when they set out on their crusade against their professional brethren. The profession did not prove so pliable to the artful scheming of the dominant faction as did their representatives in the Council, but came promptly to their own defence, and instead of contributing \$15,000 for the support of their prodigal governors, for the past two years they have not contributed a cent; and the ship sails on safely and well as far as the finances for the real object of the journey is concerned, but with much repining on the part of the crew, who, instead of the expected rise, have been threatened with a reduction of wages and have had their rations very considerably curtailed; their real estate speculation is now known as a disastrous enterprise, and instead of doling out certificates to practise by the year, the territorials seeking re-election do not even acknowledge the fact that they still approve of this scheme.

This discussion has been in progress since the autumn of 1891, and during all this time the members of the Defence Association have been actuated by one common object: to secure the facts and figures in connection with medical Council affairs, place them before the profession for their judgment, and utilize the result for the reform of existing abuses. Great difficulty was experienced in getting this information. Some of the most damaging against the members of the Council could only be secured by the command of the Legislature, and there is still much darkness with regard to many details of expenditure.