

the Council was created. And it has required all the influence of the Education Committee with the Minister of Education, from that time to this, to undo the mischief then made, and to restore the matriculation standard actually to what it purported to be four years ago. There, for some time to come, it must remain, and all we can at present hope to do is to see that it is strictly and impartially applied. Until the profession attains—as eventually it must, in self-defence, attain—to such solidarity as will enable it to speak with effect to both Government and Legislature, it would be unwise to give the educational bodies another opportunity to let down the bars, or, as they prefer to term it, “clean off the slate,” *i.e.*, secure unchallenged admission, as Council matriculates, for all who may have gained an entrance into one or other of the medical schools. At the close of the Council's last session, the “Caudal-tip” was permitted, by his associates of the Ruling Alliance, to make a motion prospectively elevating the matriculation standard. This was done for effect—was mere election powder, and, as such, was summarily and very properly frowned down.

CONTINUED REFUSAL TO PAY THE ANNUAL TAX.

Fully one third of the members of the College are still in arrears of the annual tax, and the aggregate of their arrearage is over \$7,000. The grounds on which this very large section of the electorate refuse to pay up are understood to be chiefly these :

1. That they have no effective control over the irresponsible elements of the Council by whom their money—if paid in—would be expended.

2. That the funds of the College still continue to be largely and recklessly devoted to purposes quite outside the provisions of the Medical Act.

3. That there is very grave doubt (in which the Council's official solicitor is known to concur) touching the legality of the retroactive assessments for 1893 and 1894.

4. That the Medical Act of 1893 expressly and distinctly leaves the assessment and coercive clauses in the exclusive discretion of the elected members of the Council. Yet, notwithstanding the strong and repeated protests of various territorial representatives, the schoolmen have defiantly continued to meddle with matters, thus, by legislative enactment, taken quite outside their purview, and to further the annual assessments by their vehement and offensive interference.

5. That not only have all the by-laws levying assessments since 1894 been tainted as to their legality by this interference on the part of the appointees, but that the by-law levying the assessment for 1897