

## PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

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A special meeting of this Board was held at Dr. Bryce's office on March 11th. The following members were present: Dr. Cassidy in the chair, Dr. Rae, Dr. Kitchen, and Dr. Bryce, secretary. The object of the meeting was to receive reports from the Legislative Committee and from a special committee appointed to investigate a charge respecting the feeding of putrid animal refuse to hogs and fowls.

The Board considered these reports in committee and adopted them.

The recommendations of these committees are incorporated in an amendment to the Ontario Health Act. (*Vide* p. 102.)

It was moved by Dr. Rae, seconded by Dr. Kitchen, and carried, that the Government be asked to increase the salary of Mr. Mackenzie, analyst of the Board, owing to the perilous nature of the work he has to do in examining diphtheritic membrane and tubercular sputa.

The report of Dr. Hodgetts, respecting small-pox in the township of Malahide, was read. There were seven cases and two deaths. His bill for services in Malahide and other places, \$302.75, was ordered to be paid on motion of Dr. Kitchen, seconded by Dr. Bryce.

The Board then adjourned.

March 27th.—Mr. Haycock's bill to destroy the Ontario Medical Act was given the six months' hoist by a vote of 15 to 71, the Patrons as a body voting for it. The old parties voted together against it. Mr. Hay-

cock may know something about farming, but it is difficult to conceive what he can have learned about the rules regulating the conduct and behavior of medical men towards the public and their fellows, as well as the best means of keeping up the standard of medical education, unless "he knows it all." As a witty contemporary said recently, "the man who knows it all would not be such a bad fellow if he only kept it to himself." The leader of the Patrons, however, having begun to attack legislation in which he had no business to interfere, it was only right that the recognized political parties in the Province should unite to crush him.

The Haycock bill, however, bears *prima facie* evidence that it was not entirely the production of the bucolic legislator. The introducer of the bill was, if we may be pardoned the simile, the haycock behind which certain free-traders in medicine, and medical sore heads, *et hoc genus omne*, concealed their personalities while launching their envenomed darts at the Ontario Medical Council.

A cunning attempt was made to make the bill inure to the advantage of the Government, and certain features of the bill appear to have commended themselves to the favorable opinion of the Premier; but that gentleman, in speaking to the question, stated that the whole case for the bill had broken down. "There was no ground at all for a revolutionary proposal, no pretence that the powers given to the medical profession had been abused, or that anyone had been unfairly dealt with. There was nothing to justify the louse in sup-