

In our May issue we contended for a strong council, and that all who sought election should give out a clear cut statement of their position on the subjects of economy, needed reforms, amended legislation, and the Dominion act. We called upon the council to give out a full statement of its affairs as the only way of downing the rumors that there was needless expenditure of money. We also complained of the tardiness of the council in issuing the announcement.

In our June issue we took up the folly of holding so many examinations. We pointed out that in Britain the general medical council registers the degrees and diplomas of any college that lives up to the regulations. We also showed that the medical councils for the Maritime Provinces, for Quebec, and Manitoba, do not hold examinations, but accept the degrees of the universities in these provinces. We contended that if the medical council of Ontario did not conduct examinations, but appointed assessors to see that the examinations were properly carried out, the council could soon grow wealthy and be able to do something really worthy for the medical profession. We held that to examine students immediately after they had passed through the ordeal of a hard examination was quite unfair, and an evidence of extreme folly. We also called upon the members of the council to tell their constituents how much money each had drawn in per diem and mileage, and how many meetings had been attended. In these remarks we were as pointed as we could be. We also contended that the assets of the college belonged to the practitioners of the province and not the medical council.

In July we pointed out that the council should give a clear statement of the number of students who wrote on each subject and the number who passed from the various colleges. This would enable us to judge where good or poor teaching is done. Then we urged the claims of Dominion registration. We pointed out that if we cannot secure Dominion registration, we can get inter-provincial registration and also pointed out that in the United States, there is almost universal inter-state registration. We again called upon the council to lay before the profession a full statement of its affairs. We further and, again, called upon the council to be prompt in the issuing of the announcement.

This will set before our readers the fact that we have done our duty by way of urging the council to adopt prompt methods, to give up ways and means of wasting its funds, and to use its influence for Dominion registration or inter-provincial reciprocity.

But the past is the stepping stone for the future. If the medical profession will only do its duty now, the next medical council will lead the way into new paths. The whole question will soon be in the hands of the profession once more: for the elections are this fall.