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## Editorials.

### THE MEDICAL COUNCIL BUILDING.

Many and various are the complaints made by disgruntled members of the profession about what they call the "real estate venture." By this, of course, is meant the purchase of the property on the corner of Bay and Richmond Streets, Toronto, and the placing thereon a building which should supply the wants and needs of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, both as an executive and an examining body.

As a consequence, we promised in our last issue to give a short *résumé* of the history of the why and wherefore of it. Looking back through the Minutes of the several meetings, we find remarks and resolutions of various kinds, expressing the opinion that something should be done to place a decent roof over their heads, and give some recognized place where the different members of the profession could resort to for information or whatsoever in the medical line their souls desired. The first resolution of direct importance was moved by Dr. William Clark, and seconded by Dr. (Sir) James Grant (then a territorial representative) in June, 1877, and was to this effect: "That a committee should be appointed from the Executive Committee to wait on the Government with regard to obtain-

ing some aid for a proper building, and to make other moves in that direction." In June, 1878, Dr. Aikins moved, and Dr. D. Clark seconded, "That a deputation wait on the Attorney-General to request government aid to secure a proper building for the Council." This deputation evidently had no effect, as we find that at the same session another resolution was adopted, and a committee appointed. Dr. Brouse moved, seconded by Dr. Grant, "That in the opinion of this Council the time has arrived to erect or secure a permanent building for its use, and that a committee should be appointed to take steps for this purpose, any arrangements the committee makes to be binding on the Council." Committee was composed of Drs. Allison, Aikins, Wm. Clarke, Daniel Clark, Berryman, Ross and Duncan Campbell (Pres.).

On June 15th, a few days following, the Committee met, and after many inspections of different places, chose as most convenient and most valuable for their purpose, the property on the corner of Bay (87 ft. 6 in.) and Richmond (95 ft.) Streets, then occupied by a Presbyterian church.

On July 12th, the Committee again met, and decided to give \$13,000 for the land, church and all fittings, except cushions and Sunday-school library. This offer was accepted by J. A. Patterson, acting for the owners, in a letter dated July 17th, giving terms as \$6,000 cash, and balance on