

wherein languish the ex-official of all countries. Those of us who have heard George Kennan lecture have learned to look with distrust upon Russian police and political methods; but it may be that that apparently venturesome American newspaper correspondent had to supply "copy" at any price, even at the expense of truth. For recently Mr. Harry de Windt, an Englishman in spite of his name, has publicly stated that "if he had to do time, he would sooner do it in Siberia than anywhere else." Some people hinted that he had been "squared," but now Dr. Benjamin Harrison, an American prison expert, corroborates Mr. de Windt, and has caused Mr. Kennan to "sit up" rather violently. So that if Professor Erismann is sojourning in Siberia, he may not be having such a bad time after all. But in the meantime the Congress languishes and is likely to die of inanition.

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### The Ontario Medical Council.

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THERE are few medical men in Ontario who do not recognize the advantage of a good, energetic medical parliament for the Province. But there are few, we think, who do not equally recognize the fact that the Council is capable of some very important improvements.

As the Council is now constituted, it consists of seventeen territorial, five homœopathic, and seven college representatives. Here there is room for much and useful change.

In the first place, there is no need for five homœopathic representatives in the Council. This is class representation. The solitary physio-medicalist might fairly ask for a seat in the Council. Or if there be a few electricians, they in turn might clamor for representation. No, the true policy is for all to take their stand on the ground that they are registered practitioners, and elect the best man they can get in the district. The homœopaths would have their say, but no special privileges.

Then the school representation should be reduced. We utterly fail to see why the Toronto School of Medicine, which has done no teaching for nearly ten years, and which is quite defunct as a working concern, should have a representative in the Council. The simple truth is there is now nothing to represent but a certain joint stock company owning a certain building, which is rented to the University of Toronto for medical faculty purposes. Clearly this seat in the Council must go.

Then comes Victoria University. This corporation once had a