

Before going into Committee of the Whole Dr. Oldright moved, seconded by Dr. Clarke, a resolution to the effect that, with a view to save expenses, the Registrar act in the capacity of returning officer for the whole of the territorial divisions, and that the printing be confined to certain papers, and the two medical journals of this Province. He thought that it was very desirable to curtail the expenses by discontinuing the returning officers, and thus reduce the amount expended triennially in this way. The last election cost the Council over \$300, a large portion of which might be saved by the adoption of the motion now before the house.

Dr. Dewar said he was surprised at Dr. Oldright coming forward now in favor of economy, when at previous meetings he had taken up so much of the time of this Council. We in the country want free trade, and no close corporation such as is proposed in this resolution.

Dr. Day remarked that it was very strange that we were not allowed to arrange our election matters when we have allowed the Homœopaths and Eclectics to arrange theirs to suit themselves. I am surprised at Dr. Oldright, a member of the Finance Committee, in bringing in a report and then turning round to upset that arrangement. If a tie should occur who should decide? Suppose a tie should occur in five or six constituencies the Registrar would give the casting vote and virtually have the power of electing five or six members of this Council.

Dr. Agnew thought the elections should be held openly in each division, and the electors brought face to face. He was in favor of a public nomination, at which there might be a general discussion of those subjects appertaining to the profession.

Dr. Clark, as seconder of the resolution of Dr. Oldright, said that he was a member of a territorial division, but he was in favor of economy. The last elections were very expensive, and he thought it was the duty of the Council to act for the good of all. The Homœopaths and Eclectics did not ask for returning officers as they wanted to save expenso. Why should they be dragged into the discussion? The University representative has nothing to do with it, but he wants to save expenses. The registrar acting in the capacity of returning officer would be amenable to this Council, while the returning officers appointed by