

We supposed—and our solicitor, Mr. Osler, so advised us—that this clause authorized us to, or, at all events, did not prohibit us from holding our usual Spring Session in 1894, the election taking place any time subsequently. But there has been some discussion on this matter of late; and I find that the members of the committee of the Legislature having the bill in charge, are not agreed as to the situation. Now, the Council, I am sure, has no desire to do anything but carry out the wishes and intention of the Legislature, and though the literal reading of the Act might authorize our holding a session next year before the elections. I do not think a single member of the Council could be found willing to take advantage of it if he thought it were in conflict with the spirit or intention of the law. As you were chairman of the committee you are able to speak with authority; and I ask you therefore to give me your opinion as to the intention of your committee in this matter. Are we free to hold our usual spring session in 1894 before the election? I enclose you copy of a letter from Dr. MacKay, M.P.P., who had charge of the Council's interests in the Legislature; and would ask if you endorse his statement. Other members of the committee, I am told, have a different opinion. May I ask you to favor me with an answer at your earliest convenience; as I wish to make public announcement of the intentions of the Council in order to set certain perturbed spirits at rest.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

CL. T. CAMPBELL.

“TORONTO, October 19, 1893.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have your letter of the 12th, inquiring whether it was the intention of the committee to which the Medical bill was referred that the present Council should not hold its usual spring session in 1894 before the elections. I have no recollection whatever of any intention being expressed either way. If such intention had been expressed, and I so understood, I should certainly have put words in the bill to carry it out. At the same time I should say that it would be reasonable and proper for the present Council not to deal with any subject adversely to what the new Council may be expected to desire, but to deal only with such matters in regard to which the councils are likely to be at one. Yours truly,

O. MOWAT.

CL. T. CAMPBELL, *Pres. Medical Council.*”

“LONDON, October 25, 1893.

Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat:

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst., in which you inform me that you have no recollection of the expression of any intention by the committee of the Legislature that the Medical Council should not hold its usual spring session before the elections next year, and that had there been any such intention expressed you would have had it clearly indicated in the bill. That being the case we shall act on the advice of our solicitor, Mr. Osler, and hold one session before the election.

In reply to your suggestion that the present Council should not deal with any subject adversely to what the new Council may be expected to desire, I can assure you that such is the intention of the Council. More than that, we shall take no action in regard to the chief matters in dispute with the opponents of the Council, being quite content to leave these questions to be pronounced upon by the medical electorate, and being quite confident that our action will be sustained by them.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

CL. T. CAMPBELL.”

Book Notices.

The Popular Science Monthly, for June, contains the following excellent numbers: (1) “New Chapters in the Warfare of Science—xix., From Creation to Evolution—iv., The Final Effort of Theology,” by Andrew D. White, LL.D., L.H.D.; (2) “Nicaragua and the Mosquito Coast,” by Dr. R. N. Keely (illustrated); (3) “Weismann’s Concessions,” by Professor Lester F. Ward; (4) “The Cincinnati Ice Dam,” by G. Frederick Wright (illustrated); (5) “The Eye as an Optical Instrument,” by Austin Flint, M.D., LL.D. (illustrated); (6) “A Natural System of Education,” by James L. Hughes; (7) “Pleasures of the Telescope,” by Garrett P. Serviss (illustrated); (8) “Should Prohibitory Laws be Abolished?” by Dr. T. D. Crothers; (9) “Dairy Schools and Dairy Products,” by F. W. Woll (illustrated); (10) “The Ice Age and Its Work” (iv.), by A. R. Wallace, F.R.S.; (11) “Sketch of Gerard Troost” (with portrait); (12) “Correspondence: Mistakes of Scientific Men, etc.—Do Animals Reason?” (13) “Editor’s Table: The Possibilities of Education—Is ‘Society’ Vulgar?—Announcement;” (14) “Literary Notices;” (15) “Popular Miscellany;” (16) “Notes.”