

I took out one, and am even now unable to look at that piece of paper without a feeling of annoyance. This difficulty having been removed I think the Council is entitled to our unanimous support. Whether the real estate enterprise was judicious or otherwise is a matter of opinion. The then existent Council thought a building necessary, and, had I been one of its members, I should have thought so, too. I fully approve of the course of study laid down by the present and past Councils. I think the legislation obtained is almost all we could desire, and all those opposed to the Council, including even Dr. Sangster himself—whose efforts have not been unproductive of good—would do wisely in giving it their unanimous support. It is not unlikely that we may soon be called upon to defend the privileges we now possess, and why should we waste our strength in internal divisions over matters non-essential. The medical profession ought to be united in defence of its just rights, so that they who would seek to take them away may feel indisposed for a second attempt. I am in favor of the publishing arrangements of the *ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL*. That is the best way to unite the members of our profession, by ensuring to everyone full information on all matters proposed for its advancement. I hope to see the present agreement made permanent, and I cannot see how any other medical publication can be injured by us having an official organ of our own.

Now, in regard to this vexed "Annual-Tax" matter. The election for a new Council is close at hand—all are fully informed as to the various questions at issue—we may expect the best candidates to be selected. The duty of every medical man is quite clear—to sink his individual opinions and support the enactments of those elected to represent him. That I may finish what I have to say on this "Annual Tax," I would respectfully suggest that, should the incoming Council re-establish it, it should commence *de novo*. If anyone should object that no precedent exists to uphold such a course, or that it would be a kind of *post factum* legislation, or, in short, that it would be highly unjust to those who, having paid up the yearly assessment, it would not be of much consequence, they who have paid the tax have done so conscientiously, while those who opposed it may justify themselves on the ground that what the

medical electorate has now decreed they are willing to support. And then, by quietly letting all tax arrearages sink into everlasting oblivion, what an amount of bad feeling would be avoided without any great loss having been sustained. These, of course, are my own opinions, and may be far from being the wisest or best, but, in conversing with medical men, I have found many who entertain similar views. I remain,

Yours truly,

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RETIRING CIRCULAR.

The following circular letter is printed by request :

To the Editor of *ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL*.

DEAR SIR,—In this issue of the *ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL* you will learn that I have withdrawn from the contest in Territorial Division No. 12. I have received a great deal of encouragement from the electorate in this division. I have my own views as to those measures which I think are in the interests of the profession. I find that there are two parties in this contest: 1st, Those who support the Medical Council proper; 2nd, those who are directly opposed to the Medical Council as constituted by Act of Parliament.

I cannot endorse all acts of the Medical Council, neither can I those of the Medical Defence Association. The latter I think too extreme in its proposed radical changes, while the former is weak in some of its parts. The Medical Council is a legally constituted body; it conserves our rights, it protects our privileges, it is a safe-guard of our common interests and it is therefore a necessity for our mutual protection. I do not think that any factious opposition and the doing away with its rights and privileges can be a benefit to the profession. Agitation against any acts that may have appeared questionable, or are open to criticism, have been so fully ventilated that the remedy has been secured. The acts of the Medical Council are now well known, their errors have been fully ventilated. They would not, if they could, in future jeopardize the interests of the general profession. To make any revolutionary changes at this time would be a mistake. Electives,