

Finally, the whole matter is boiled down to the remedy given thus:

WHAT IS THE REMEDY?

By this time the reader asks, What is your remedy? The answer is: Reform the Medical Council out of existence and make the Toronto University or a board composed of the universities of Ontario a graduating board.

And this is what our much-vaunted M. D. A. is bringing us to. Certainly, they do not pretend to carry matters this far in their remarks, but it is easily seen to what the whole agitation tends.

An abolished Medical Council, ruled by the universities, headed by a State institution! Cosmos turned to chaos in these days of civilization! What, indeed, must an ordinary, intelligent reader think the medical profession is coming to? Certainly they are justified, from such acts as these, to hold us as cheaply as oftentimes they seem to do.

We wonder, have these men ever dreamt of the condition of affairs the abolition of the Medical Council would leave—free trade with the world in our medical relations, with strong protection all round us, in fact, everywhere; bickerings between the various schools, with the state on top; a happy hunting ground for all quack medical fakirs with a degree of any kind, begged, borrowed or stolen. This would be a delightful prospect, indeed, not only for us but the general public.

As far as the election is concerned, adherents of the Council will not be much disappointed through the *Sum*, as certainly we think more votes would be turned their way than against them by the reading of it. Nevertheless we would strongly advise the farmer's advocate to stick to farmers' issues.

We would like to make a query. When did the *Mail* transfer to St. Catharines, as we are given to understand here?

PATRONS AND COUNCIL.

There was a meeting of the Grand Board of the Patrons of Industry, held in Toronto a short time ago, with a very large representation of parliamentary members-elect, for the purpose of organization. The feeling is said to have been harmonious, and during the conference on actions to be

taken at the next meeting of the Legislature, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That clause 16 of the Medical Act be repealed, and that the power of the Medical Council to annul the certificate of any physician regularly authorized by the faculty of any duly chartered college to practice medicine, be abrogated, and that all charges of fraud or wrong doing made against any medical man shall be tried by the ordinary courts, on the same principles and under the same procedure as applies to criminal acts committed by others.

In dealing with this resolution we wish to be fair, and would like to ask the Patrons in whose interest the present medical legislation was most largely framed? We say, without any hesitation, that of the public. Do the public want an educated profession, or do they not? Do the public want this Province covered, as it was a few years ago, with medical fakirs of K. & K.'s "Great English" staff, American staff, water cure staffs, and sundry others who preyed upon the credulity of an ignorant public? Printer's ink was their road to success, and the hoodwinking of an innocent public their means of making fortunes. Do the people—we mean the thinking people—wish to see a return to the old order of things? We think not. It is time men of Dr. Sangster's type, who have no interest in the great medical profession of this Province, should cease to see fit, in the name of the profession, to make use of the public press, not with any intention of reaching the medical profession, but with the avowed intention of reaching the laity, and through them influence the members of the Local Legislature, not in the interest of building up higher education, but in trying to pull down that which he, owing to his historic record, was not allowed to assist in erecting. At the present time the Province of Ontario is recognized as turning out the best educated class of any Province or State upon this Continent. To whom is this due? Not altogether to the schools—while they are entitled to much—but to the Medical Council of this Province, who for years has, against many odds, been striving to give to the public the best possible class of medical graduates.

If such men as Sangster are allowed to assist in pulling down a fabric that has taken years to build, the young medical men of to-day may be grey-