

to select as consultants only those who are known not to countenance questionable methods of advancing their personal interests. Care, too, is required on the part of the profession in electing representatives to the Medical Council. Those under the glamor and influence of the school representatives and their henchmen who embrace every opportunity to uphold and support an extravagant, a tyrannical and irresponsible clique in the Council, should be left severely at home.

No man should be sent to Council who is noted as an economizer of truth, or as a schemer, or who manifests a willingness to maul those who criticize his conduct. Untruthfulness and artifice, together with fisticuff tyranny, are very poor weapons with which to effect a conquest, and never yet were known to make people either submissive or loyal. Indeed, many of the ablest and wisest heads in the profession, in Toronto and throughout the Province, and even members of the Ontario Legislature, freely admit that the Medical Act is very much endangered by the high-handed proceedings of the clique and its supporters in the Council. Personally, I am of the opinion that nothing short of reconstruction of the Council will restore peace and save the Medical Act.

Should the present clique in the Council have full swing for another term, and the erasive power which the Council professes to possess be put in force, there can be little doubt that the loss of the Ontario Medical Act is not unlikely to follow. This would be a calamity both to the profession and to the public. It would, therefore, be for the general good if the school representation were wiped out and the Council made elective, and thereafter special care taken against schemers and office seekers securing a seat at the Board.

The duty of the profession now and henceforth should be unremitting vigilance in Council matters. Every member should keep himself well posted in medical politics, and not in the spirit of mere day laborers, be content to grub along earning such fees as fall in their way, oblivious of the fact that under the manoeuvrings of the schemers in the Council, aided by their allies, the day is rapidly approaching when the profession shall have drifted into that condition that there will be but few or no fees to earn in a professional or legitimate way. It is important, therefore, that every constituency not already represented by a reliable man should be urged to a spirit of enquiry and investigation, and thus stimulated to a sense of duty and self-protection.

Of the eight constituencies contested last election the defence candidates carried six, and there is no reason, in the next elections, why the places held by the *plausible*, the *scheming*, the *fisticuff*