

"determine who is to retire from the contest ; as  
 "there is no time to ascertain as to this, and record  
 "my vote before the election, I have made a selec-  
 "tion from the list submitted to me. I will add  
 "that the list had nine names, and that the only  
 "writing the document has on it besides the names  
 "is the sentence 'only vote for seven.' "

It is readily seen from the above that this gentleman considered "the list of candidates" sent by you to him to be an *official* list of those from whom a selection had to be made. This was the direct outcome of your sending it to him ; whether you intended to create this idea or not is of course best known to yourself. It must be well known to you that every qualified practitioner is in one sense a candidate for election, for many men have received votes at the several elections held who never expressed their desire to serve on the Council, yet, had they been elected, would not have declined to act. But your furnishing such a list has, in this instance (and may have done so in many others), had the effect of leading this practitioner into the belief that only those named by you were eligible for election. Had this list been sent by you as a "ticket," in an official manner, there would have been less to find fault with ; but inasmuch as you sent it under the same cover as official documents, the whole was deemed official and treated as such. Moreover, it is our opinion that it would not have been in the best taste, under any conditions, for the Registrar to issue such a list ; it must have been apparent to you that you would be giving a false air of authority to an action that is certainly not one of the duties of the Registrar as laid down in the Medical Act.

We feel we would be lacking in our duty to the profession were we to neglect to give this expression of our dissatisfaction at the line of action taken by you, which we consider deserving of a strong reprimand not only from us but from the Council and the whole profession in the province, for the abuse of office, or even the appearance of it, is not one of the features that should characterize the Registrar of the Medical Council.

Yours truly,

(Signed) E. A. PRAEGER,  
Nanaimo.

MARK S. WADE,  
Victoria.

P.S.—It is our intention, to which we retain the right, to publish this letter.

## THE PROVINCIAL ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL, OF VICTORIA, B.C.

The last report of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital of Victoria has just come to hand. It is a very interesting publication, and a few remarks upon it might be of interest to the profession. This institution, which is certainly a credit to the Province and which was founded in commemoration of Her Majesty's jubilee year, was formally opened by H. R. Highness the Duke of Connaught on the 1st of May, 1890. On the 16th of December, 1891, the first training school for nurses in the Province was inaugurated in connection with it. The course covers two years, and the first class consisted of six young ladies, who by the good work they have done since, are a credit to the Hospital and to their teachers. The resident medical officer is Dr. W. A. Richardson, formerly of Toronto. The attending staff is composed of the following gentlemen:—Dr. J. C. Davie, surgeon ; Dr. E. B. C. Harrington, physician ; Drs. O. M. Jones and Mark S. Wade, oculists. The consulting staff is as follows:—Drs. Renwick, Macnaughton-Jones, Milne, Crompton, Powell, Hasell, J. D. Helmcken and John A. Duncan. The president is Mr. Joshua Davies, to whose exertions are largely due the prosperity of the institution outside of the medical department.

The present published report contains statistics from the opening of the Hospital to May 31st, 1892. Since then a large amount of good work has been done, which no doubt will be reported in due time. The total number of cases admitted to the Hospital to May 31st, 1892, is 773, of which 410 are medical and 363 surgical. Out of this number 80 died and the remainder were discharged. Of the operations 219 are reported in tabulated form. Dr. J. C. Davie operated on 159 of these—the vast majority of the cases. The remainder were divided amongst Drs. Richardson, Jones, Harrington, Hasell, Wade, Powell, Hall and Renwick.

There were five cases of inguinal hernia operated upon for the radical cure, one double, reported ; all successful. Dr. Davie operated on four of these, including the double one ; Dr. Jones operated on the remaining one. Dr. Davie is to be congratulated upon his success upon the following operations the result of which in all has been re-