

date one of the contracting parties says to the Legislature: "We do not think that one or more of the other parties to the agreement should have the privileges originally secured to them by act of Parliament and the granting of which made the bargain possible." The Legislature, carrying out the idea of Responsible Government, which, unfortunately, seems to be fashionable just now, replies "Well, we do not know anything about this matter. We won't assume any responsibility. It is a question for the parties interested to settle among themselves. However, we will fix it so that a vote may be taken and then we will see what the interested parties think of the matter." Now on the surface this looks like a fair proposition. In reality it is most unfair and unjust. The voters are the members of the profession, *i.e.*, they make one of the contracting parties. The other party whose rights it is proposed to take away has no vote. Thus we have the spectacle of one party to a solemn contract confirmed by Act of Parliament going to the Legislature and asking that this agreement be abnegated and the Legislature saying go home and vote on it and if by your votes you say that you wish the agreement broken we will consider the matter. Meanwhile the party whose rights are to be taken away is to have no voice in the question. This may be justice, but it is not British justice. As opposed to this line of argument it may be urged that the Educational institutions will have a voice in the matter, as their Medical Faculties are composed of Medical practitioners, and as such each of them will have a vote. This is true. But consider for a moment what a small fraction of the whole profession the members of the various Medical Faculties make. Even if the Medical Faculties composed the major portion of the whole profession the principle would be wrong. No change should be made in the agreement without the consent of all parties. Consider for a moment an analogous case. In 1867 Ontario and the other Provinces agreed to enter into the Confederation on certain conditions. Each Province on entering the Dominion was guaranteed certain rights. Now suppose that the Provinces other than Ontario were to go to the