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THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL

In another part of this issue we give a full report of the proceedings of the Ontario Medical Council. There are some things recorded therein with which all will agree, and there are some things from which most will dissent.

In the first place, we agree with Dr. McCallum, of Toronto, when he puts in a plea for a full detail of expenditures. The resources of the Medical Council belong to the medical profession of Ontario, for which the council is only a trustee body. The council must not attempt to escape this demand. We have had occasion in the past to aspersely criticize the Medical Council for its mismanagement of the funds entrusted to it.

We commend the action of the Medical Council in deciding to ask for legislation to reduce its numbers. At present the council consists of thirty-two members. Five representatives from a few homoeopaths are too many. Then there are members from dead colleges. The territorial can be safely reduced in numbers. With Dominion registration in sight there will be less work for the council, and the reduction of the examinations to the "finals" also removes much of its duties. This change will lead to economy and efficiency.

We cannot speak too highly of the effort of Dr. J. S. Hart, of Toronto, to have all the colleges live up to the regulation of five sessions of eight months. This is not a day too long. If what he said is true, that one college has a course of five sessions of six months, steps should at once be taken by the council to correct these in the interests of medical education.

We also concur and feel sure that the unanimous voice of the profession will uphold this view when we approve of the resolution of