

the sale of the Association's Publications. The constitution also states, "And in any other manner approved of by the Finance Committee. This is giving this committee almost absolute power. The president and general secretary are *ex officio* members of this committee. This committee engages the editor and such assistance as may be required for the publication of the journal.

Membership is secured by of membership in an affiliated branch, by application direct, and by paying the annual fee of \$5. This membership is retained so long as one complies with the by-laws. Any one who fails to pay his fee before 31st December shall be suspended, but shall not thereby be relieved of his debt to the Association. "No member shall (except in case of his death or expulsion or his ceasing to be a member under the previous provisions of this article) cease to be a member without having given previous notice in writing." In this way one may render himself liable for a number of years' subscription at \$5, whether he attend meetings or not. If one loses membership he must pay up all arrears, and furnish a certificate of good standing in his branch, if he joined through a branch society. To register one must have "paid his annual dues for that and previous years."

The Executive Council is composed of 15 members elected at each annual meeting; and of those from the affiliated societies, namely, the president of these and a delegate for a membership of 15 to 50, two delegates up to 150, three delegates up to 300, and thereafter one extra delegate for each 300. The Executive Council shall hold meetings during the time of the Annual meeting of the Association; but the chairman shall call special meetings on the requisition of five members of the Council. This may become a very expensive system, as at least travelling expenses would have to be paid. Members all over Canada could hardly be expected to give up their time and bear the cost of attending meetings of the Council.

With regard to nominations and elections the following rules govern: The general officers are a president, a vice-president and local secretary for each province, a general secretary, and treasurer. The president is nominated by the Executive Council and elected by the Association. Any five members may nominate any member for any office by handing in his name to the general secretary. The president of the Provincial Association within whose boundaries the Canadian Medical Association meets shall be first vice-president.

The foregoing summary of the constitution will enable our readers to grasp its essential features. The main feature is that of permanent membership and that a member is liable for his annual fee of \$5, whether he attends or not.