

the Doctor knows more about the working and details of the Durham Registry Office than he does about the Ontario Medical Act, or the Durham Registry Office investigation may prove more interesting than that of Peterboro'.

Now, as to his contention that the profession was never consulted as to the preparation of the Ontario Medical Act, would the Doctor be surprised to learn that a medical gentlemen, now residing in Toronto, and who was secretary of the committee at the time, is prepared to make oath that every medical man in Ontario whose address was known was communicated with, and the letters addressed and posted by his own hands; and more than that, some of the replies received were not prepaid, and cost the Toronto doctor seven cents each when taken from the Toronto Post Office. The name of this gentleman is Dr. H. H. Wright, and I believe he has kept these records to this day. Shame, Doctor, to endeavour to make capital out of something that happened nearly thirty years ago, with the apparent hope that time had effaced all evidence, cease to use political tricks of this nature, because you thought time would serve you and your false statements go uncontradicted. Dr. H. H. Wright is still in the land of the living, and can prove, if so desired, that you are wrong. I am charitable enough to say that I believe you made these statements in ignorance of the facts.

Again, as to the appeal to the Legislature in 1874, with the "Amended Medical Act" as the result, let me point out that Dr. McLaughlin, I think, was a member of the Council at that time, if not, he was for the succeeding five years, when the Act was fresh on his mind. Did he ever protest, did he ever place himself on record in any way as opposed to the Ontario Medical Act, that he now says met with universal disapprobation on the part of the profession. Dr. McLaughlin, permit me to say right here, "Inconsistency thou art a jewel." I must say I do regret to be obliged to refer to the concluding portion of your letter as it is beneath the dignity of a gentleman, but I will simply ask you to state how much per day you received when a member of the Ontario Legislature for attendance at said Legislature, it would be especially interesting for one short session. The above phrase strikes me again as the most appropriate I can think of just now.

AN ELECTOR.

THE CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PREMIER.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—Prior to the last meeting of the Medical Council it was stated in the public press by the opponents of that body that I asked permission of the Premier for the meeting of the Council in June, and that permission was granted by him, "provided it confined its legislation to essential matters with regard to which the next Council would probably be at one with it." The last words were in quotation marks, as I have written them, evidently with the intention on making it appear that they were taken *verbatim* from the Premier's reply.

In my address to the Council I declared these statements to be untrue. Since then a part of the correspondence, and a part only, has been printed in the newspapers in the attempt to weaken the force of my denial. It may be as well, therefore, to print it all in a professional journal. From these letters it will be seen, (1) that instead of asking any permission I simply inquired the intention of the law, giving the assurance that the Council would carry out the intention, whatever it may be; and (2) that the Premier's answer coupled no condition with the meeting, but only suggested the propriety of a course which every member of the Council would approve, and which would have been followed by us even had it not been suggested. Indeed, believing that the new Council would, in most questions, be in accord with the old, we could do nothing else. My only reason for not putting all this correspondence in my address was want of space. The statement in Dr. MacKay's letter referred to us simply that the Amended Act was not intended by the committee to curtail the term of the old Council.

Very truly, yours,
CL. T. CAMPBELL.

LONDON, October 12, 1894.

Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—As there seems to be some uncertainty as to the effect of one of the clauses in the Medical Act, as amended at the last Session of the Legislature, I have to ask your assistance in determining the course of the Medical Council. The Act says that an election shall be held in 1893.