

form retains all its old properties : we have merely gained more knowledge as to these properties.

### THE CONTEST IN THE BATHURST AND RIDEAU DIVISION.

There will not be many election contests for representation in the Ontario Medical Council, for the next session. The majority of the old members will be elected by acclamation. In Bathurst and Rideau, however, there will be a lively contest between the former representative, Dr. Cranston, of Arnprior, and Dr. A. F. Rogers, of Ottawa. It is thought by some that, as Dr. Cranston has represented the Division for nine years, he should now retire, and allow a new man to enjoy the honors. A number of the physicians in Ottawa think, in addition, that, as the rural portion of the Division has had the representation for ten years, the city should now be allowed to choose the representative.

The new candidate is a worthy physician, in good standing in Ottawa, and we believe his friends are correct in thinking that, if elected, he will prove a good member of the Council. One of the principal planks in his platform is the contention that every student should be compelled to graduate in arts before he commences the study of medicine. We think we can say, with considerable confidence, that the vast majority of the profession in the Province will not agree with Dr. Rogers.

It is only simple justice to Dr. Cranston, the honored President of the Council, to say that in the past he has been one of the most efficient and fair-minded members of that body. We are not disposed to make any suggestions in the matter of the election, believing that the residents of this Division are capable of making an intelligent and judicious choice; but we think that those outside of Rideau and Bathurst, who have watched carefully the proceedings of Council for many years, will be well pleased to see Dr. Cranston again returned to his old position.

### ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The tenth Annual Meeting of the Ontario Medical Association will be held in Toronto

June 4th and 5th, under the Presidency of Dr. J. Algernon Temple.

If the papers already promised may be taken as a criterion, the meeting bids fair to be even more successful than that of last year.

In the Surgical Section, Dr. M. Sullivan, of Kingston, will read a paper on *Hernia*; the discussion will be taken up by Dr. L. McFarlane of Toronto and Dr. Waugh of London.

Dr. A. S. Carson, of Toronto, will in the Obstetrical Section deal with "The Prevention of Post-Partum Hemorrhage." Dr. Powell, of Ottawa, and Dr. Allen Baines, of Toronto, will throw additional light on this important subject.

In the Ophthalmological Section, Dr. Ryerson, of Toronto, will read a paper on "The Ophthalmoscope in Relation to Diseases of the Nervous System." Drs. Palmer and Wishart, of Toronto, will discuss the paper.

Arrangements have not yet been completed for the Sections in Medicine and in Therapeutics.

A paper on "Duodenal Ulcers" is promised from Dr. J. H. Duncan of Chatham. Dr. Andrew Smith, of New York, will contribute a paper, illustrated by apparatus, on "Empyema, with Mechanical Results of Opening the Thorax."

The members of the Association will be gratified to know that Dr. Goodell, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Emmett, of New York, have expressed their intention to be present and to take part in the proceedings.

It is requested that any member who intends to present a paper will, as soon as possible, send the title of his paper to Dr. J. E. Graham, Toronto, Chairman of Committee on Papers, or to Dr. D. J. Gibb Wishart, Toronto, Secretary of the Association.

**A CITY'S REFUSE.**—The ordinary refuse of the city is greater than most people would suppose. The *Medical News* calls attention to the fact that the Street Commissioner of New York has given a contract to trim the garbage scows to an Italian, who agrees to pay \$1552 per week for the privilege, or \$80,704 per year. The contractor employs men to pick over the refuse while trimming the scows, and from what they hand over to him, he is able to secure a large profit.