

MEDICAL COUNCIL.—A large and representative meeting of medical men from various sections of the Province was held in this city on Friday to discuss the recent action of the Medical Council, made known by the circular of its Registrar, with regard to the re-assessment of the annual fee and the reinstatement of the coercive clauses of the Medical Act. Although no steps looking to the enforcement of the annual fee can, under the Act, be taken until after December, 1896, still a large section of the profession is already astir, and is making preparations to resent that which is regarded by some of them as an injustice. All present agreed that with strict economy upon the part of the Council, and the early removal from its shoulders of that ever increasing burden—the Council building—there could be no necessity for the profession being pressed for money. Comments strongly condemnatory were made in regard to the scheme upon the part of some of the members of the Council at its last meeting, worked through the Council's banker, that further accommodation could not be given the Council except the annual assessment was made, which, doubtless, was intended to do duty in conveying an impression that the Council could not pay the sessional indemnity unless the assessment by-law was carried. The following resolutions were submitted and unanimously adopted: "Whereas the Medical Council, contrary to what was expected from some of the territorial representatives, judging from a perusal of their several addresses when seeking election, has decided to retain the Council building, to assess back taxes against the profession and re-enact section 41 A, known as the penal clause for the coercion of payment; and whereas this course, in the opinion of this meeting, has been unnecessarily adopted, and in defiance of the well known wishes of a large and influential section of the profession, be it therefore resolved, that so soon as any member is proceeded against by the Council for non-payment, with the view to the erasure of his name from the register, the necessary measures be taken to have the questions as to the responsibility for the financial loss resulting from the building, the alleged misappropriation of the funds of the college, the constitutionality of section 41 A and the legality of its retroactive application, indicated by the Registrar in his recent circular, tested in the courts, and that a committee of not less than ten be now appointed to take the necessary steps to meet the case." A representative committee was then appointed. The following resolution also was passed: "And it is further resolved that we, members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, here present, do not accede to the demand made in the circular issued by the Registrar of the Medical Council." The meeting then adjourned subject to call.
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