

tion in this Province know that before the formation of the Medical Council a license to practise medicine could be obtained from the Governor in Council on presentation of a great variety of certificates and the payment of a small fee. Besides other certificates the degree of any University or the diploma of any Medical College in the Province practically entitled the holder thereof, on payment of the prescribed fee, to receive his license. Thus there was no uniformity in the qualifications of medical practitioners. The profession generally, and the educational institutions particularly, felt this to be an undesirable condition of affairs. Overtures were made to the various bodies granting certificates which were virtually licenses and the Ontario Medical Council was formed. The various bodies which thus agreed to unite for the sake of securing a common standard of education for all practitioners did so on certain definite and well understood conditions. The Council was to consist of a certain number of members elected by and from the profession, a certain number appointed by the Universities and Colleges, and a certain number elected by and from the homoeopathic practitioners. Until a few years ago this agreement was lived up to in all respects. Then the number of representatives elected by and from the profession was increased and certain rights taken from the representatives of the Educational institutions in the Council. The Universities and Colleges entered no protest against this violation of the spirit of the original agreement. Now comes this new proposal to do away with College representation upon the Council altogether. Against this the Educational institutions naturally protest.

Now follows what to us would be incredible if we did not know the Legislature. It is coolly proposed that at the time of the election of members of the profession to the Council each elector shall express his opinion as to whether or not the educational institutions should be deprived of representation on the Council. That is to say that several bodies enter into a bargain to amalgamate on certain conditions, each of the contracting parties to have well defined rights, and then at a later