

ouring to set up a plea founded on a false basis, supported by exaggeration and misrepresentation.

Yours, etc.,

G. L. MILNE.

Victoria, B.C., July 11th, 1893.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR DOCTOR,—I was not a little surprised on reading the leading article from this Province in this issue of the JOURNAL, entitled "Medical Council Election in British Columbia," inasmuch as it looks like a production of mine from the position which it occupies. I expected this article to appear in another medical journal, and I think Dr. Milne had written a reply, but I was not prepared to find it where it stands now. Dr. Milne flatly denies the truth of the statements made by the practitioner quoted by Drs. Præger and Wade, and as he is a gentleman whom we all respect, I fully believe what he says. I think in future it would be as well to publish nothing from British Columbia unless it comes through me, as I understand the condition of things out here better than you can possibly do in Toronto. In this case you really allowed a member of the Medical Council to be attacked; a gentleman for whom the practitioners of this Province have the highest respect, and who elect him to the Medical Council on every occasion, and at the top of the poll, too. Some time ago I had a conversation with Dr. Milne on the subject of the letter published by Drs. Præger and Wade, and he told me that just before the elections for the Medical Council in April last, a doctor up the Fraser wrote him asking him to send him a list of names of those who were candidates for election. Dr. Milne wrote out a few names on a piece of paper and enclosed it to the practitioner asking the information. This was not an official communication, and the names were only those of medical men who he heard were in the field. Dr. Milne had a perfect right to do this, and you can imagine the meanness of a man who can turn about now and try to injure him for giving him the information he asked for. The medical man who has caused all this trouble is a practitioner who has been quarrelling with the Medical Council for the last four or five years because he was charged one hundred dollars before he was allowed

to register, and because the Council won't give it to him back again, he has taken a spite against Dr. Milne, whom he foolishly holds responsible for what he considers the loss of his hundred dollars, inasmuch as all the correspondence on the subject between him and the Council comes through Dr. Milne, in his capacity of Registrar and Secretary. Drs. Præger and Wade were both candidates at the last election, and so far as I know, are acting in good faith, because they have been persuaded by their Fraser River confrere that something was crooked in the way the election was conducted.

I am sorry that all this trouble has taken place, for there is absolutely nothing in it, and I trust this is the last we shall hear on the subject.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. MCGUIGAN.

Vancouver, B.C., July 11, 1893.

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Contributions of various descriptions are invited. We shall be glad to receive from our friends everywhere current medical news of general interest. Secretaries of County or Territorial Medical Associations will oblige by forwarding reports of the proceedings of their Associations.

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NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENCE.

Most newspapers have a few lines at the head of their correspondence column, setting forth the fact that they are not accountable for matter printed in that column.

We must congratulate the *Mail* on this fact in connection with Dr. Bingham's letter in its issue of July 12th, as we do not rate them low enough to hold such opinions expressed in such rhodomontade as the sentiments in this effusion. Our congratulations, nevertheless, are sadly dampened with the thought that a newspaper of to-day would allow such stuff to be printed in its columns.

Even the *Canadian Lancet* repudiates his opinions and rates him soundly for misusing a quotation of theirs by purposely leaving off the latter part so as not to destroy what little proper argument he may appear to have. Appearances are deceitful even then, as his lines are so astray that