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THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

This body has most important matters consigned to its management. It is very necessary, therefore, that its actions should be of a most regular character. At the present moment there is grave reason to fear that this is not the case. The council should not take any action on any important measure without first obtaining legal advice of such a character as to leave as little uncertainty as possible.

There is every appearance of a legal fight over the standing of several members of the council. Should it be shown that some of those who took part in the deliberations of the council had no legal right to be regarded as members, the entire actions of the council may be attacked, and may be set aside by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 6 of the Ontario Medical Act sets forth the composition of the medical council. There should be five representatives of the Homœopathic physicians of the Province. This has been duly complied with. There should also be seventeen members elected to represent the regular practitioners of the province. This has also been complied with. There are neither too many nor too few of these classes.

When we turn to the class of representatives for the colleges and universities the ground is not so clear. It would appear, however, to our way of looking at the wording of the act that the letter and the spirit have been broken by the council. Here is the portion of the act dealing with this class:—

“One member to be chosen from each of the universities, colleges and other bodies hereinafter designated to wit: The University of Toronto, the Queen’s University and College of Kingston, the University of Victoria College, the University of Trinity College, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Kingston, the Toronto School of Medicine, Trinity Medical School, the Ottawa University, Regiopolis College, the Western University, and of every other university, college or body in the province now by law authorized, or which may be hereafter authorized to grant degrees in medicine and surgery, and which establishes and maintains to the satisfaction of the College of