

length of time required for correspondence with British exhibitors.

With most hearty appreciation of the good-will shown by the great Canadian railways towards the meeting, we announce that the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railways have agreed to extend to Canadian members of the Association the privileges granted to foreign members and to guests, namely, half rates. So considerable a concession has never been previously granted, and is a sign of the great national importance attached by the companies to the meeting in August. In other words, to quote the words of a joint-letter received from Dr. W. E. Davies, of the Grand Trunk, and Mr. D. McNicoll, of the Canadian Pacific: "It has been decided to extend to Canadian members of your Association the same basis of rates to and from the Convention, and excursion fares, as we have already advised you we are willing to extend to visiting members from over the sea." Practically every Canadian member can thus attend the meeting and return at the rate of a single fare for the journey and can join the excursions at the same rate.

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## Reports of Societies.

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### THE LAMBTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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The annual meeting of the Lambton County Association was held at Wyoming, February 10th, 1897.

Among those present were Drs. McAlpine, Petrolia; Sander, Inwood; Fraser, Wilkinson, MacLean and Logie, of Sarnia; Newell and Gibson, of Watford; Newell and Harvey, of Wyoming; Brown, of Camlachie; Dunfield, Hodgins and Calder, of Petrolia; Hodgins, of Oil Springs. President, Dr. Fraser, in the chair.

Minutes of former meeting read

and confirmed. Drs. Newell and Logie were appointed scrutineers for election of officers.

Moved by Dr. Dunfield, seconded by Dr. Harvey, that Dr. Newell be President for the ensuing year. Elected by acclamation.

Moved by Dr. Harvey, seconded by Dr. Fraser, that Dr. Dunfield be Vice-President. Elected by acclamation.

Moved by Dr. Wilkinson, seconded by Dr. Dunfield, that Dr. Logie be Secretary-Treasurer for ensuing year. Elected by acclamation.

The following Committee on Ethics was appointed: Drs. Fraser, Harvey and MacLean.

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt was elected an honorary member of the Lambton County Medical Association.

A letter of regret was received from Dr. Bray, of Chatham, who urged that the petition sent out by the Council should be signed by everyone to prevent hostile Patron legislation. Letters were likewise received from Dr. Ovens and Dr. Fisher. It was decided to have the May meeting in Petrolia, May 12th.

Dr. MacLean then read his paper on the relations of the physician and the public. See page 217.

Dr. Fraser agreed with all Dr. MacLean had said, and thought that all present were agreed that the standard of medical education should be raised as high as possible. As far as the question of lack of competition was concerned in a profession as overcrowded as ours, it is ridiculous. He thought it most humiliating that the profession should object to the fee of two dollars, which was possibly the lowest fee exacted by any trade or guild in the world.

Dr. Gibson approved the tone of Dr. MacLean's paper. He said there were many who objected to the red-tapism of the Boards of Health. They had had considerable trouble with diphtheria. He was satisfied that when the people considered the matter carefully they would tend to