

10. The interests of the profession are now much more watchfully guarded than they were prior to 1895. Every attempt, open or covert, to subordinate them to those of the privileged elements, is boldly exposed, and, where possible, defeated.

11. The matriculation and registration requirements are now much more strictly applied than they were formerly. Efforts to relax them, made either in Council or Committee, are always challenged, and, commonly, aborted.

12. The yeas and nays on all questions of moment to the profession, are now systematically demanded and recorded. The electorate is thus enabled, whenever it cares to look into matters, not only to find evidence of the existence of a "combination" or "ruling alliance" and its control of the Council, but, also, to bring to book representatives who may show either unfaithfulness or want of discernment. Committee work seldom or never goes on during Council debates, and, hence, as a rule, the absence of a member's name from the record means that he has avoided the vote.

13. Intra-provincial registration, abuse of hospital privileges and the evils of lodge practice, have become live issues in the Council, which has appointed a committee to aid in compassing the first—if it may be done without materially lowering our educational standards—and is casting about for means to mitigate or, if possible, prevent the others.

As I purpose addressing, almost immediately, the medical electorate of the Province on the issues involved in the approaching Council elections, I shall here advert to only one other matter.

The Medical Council is in bad odor with the Legislature—in such bad odor that it dares not seek from it, in its own name, legislation of any kind. On the other hand, the Legislature is not unfriendly to the medical electorate, and, in view of the probability of our having, ere long, to procure from it legislation supplemental to the Act of 1893, the greatest possible care should be taken not to disturb our existing mutually amicable relations. In 1896, however, a dangerously subtle scheme was mooted in the Council, and further elaborated in the Executive Committee, with a view not only to gag the profession by its own act, but to transfer legislative hostility from the Council to the medical electorate, by making the latter appear as the moving party in seeking legislative changes which were known to be unattainable, and the attempt to secure which was certain to arouse angry feeling in the House. Ex-President Bray was the ostensible leader in this movement, and Ex-President Rogers—who emulates Dr. Britton and Dr. Moore in striking the grace notes of Council debate, and who is not