

would be an act of injustice not to re-elect Dr. Starr. We have only to say, as far as Dr. McNeill is personally concerned, that we have a higher opinion of him than he has of us in Toronto; and that we will have to change our opinion very materially before we will get up in any medical assemblage and accuse Dr. McNeill and his friends of trying to do an unjust act.

For years we have refrained from making any comments in this connection; but now we feel impelled to state a few facts. The appointment of the present secretary was never popular in Toronto. The chief reason for this is that Dr. Starr was recognized as an extreme and aggressive *party* man, and as such was not acceptable to a large portion of the members in Toronto. He has become more unpopular for other reasons, which we need not now specify, as years rolled on. The result has been that many men who were formerly strong supporters of the Association have grown lukewarm.

All parties in Toronto combined to make the recent meeting a success, and the results were very gratifying, as all know. We were not in the inner ring as far as the secretaryship was concerned, and, therefore, had no knowledge of what was going on until we learned the result of the meeting of the Nominating Committee; but, now, we are in a position to say that four-fifths of the members resident in Toronto who attended the recent meeting wanted a change. Dr. Dickson, who is essentially a non-party man, was a most indefatigable worker as local secretary, and on that account was chosen by the Nominating Committee as General Secretary.

Under such circumstances we would like to ask Dr. McNeill (for we value his opinion very highly) when it will become *just* to have a change? The Association is going to suffer materially if the change does not come soon. We may say, in addition, that, while we have referred especially to this city, we happen to know that many outsiders agree with the majority in Toronto.

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THE TRUNK SEWER.—We are glad to see that the subject of a trunk sewer is once more to the fore; this time at the instance of Ald. J. J. Graham. Some of the aldermen, are as usual, minimizing the evils of the cesspool at the Bay front. If these do not mend their ways we hope they "won't be in it"—"won't be in the swim"—for many more years.