

evidenced. There was more breath used, more trouble caused, and more money spent this year than ever occurred in the history of the Medical Council. Useless bickerings, unparliamentary methods and language pervaded the meeting from beginning to end. We may be asked why this was so, but we only need point to the fountain-head with its three attached spouts, which unfortunately has been foisted on the Council by the misjudgment, and in many of the cases by misrepresentation, from the elected to the electorate.

A letter which is public property, in that it can be produced at any time, states, and that forcibly, that one of the new members got most of his votes by promising to help insist on the immediate payment of all back assessments owing by the medical profession of the Province. And yet he gets up in his place in the Council chamber and asserts that he never canvassed for a vote, and to add to his record proceeds to vote against the reinstatement of the clause dealing with the annual assessment. Truly we will be sorry for this gentleman when his words and actions are reviewed by his constituents on the production of the printed report the proceedings.

All thought that this wonderful Defence Association would surely be able to send good, strong men to represent them, but their actions proved straight from start to finish that the composition was principally wind, after the style of what the lay people call water-brash—bitter. One of these four once represented a constituency in the legislative halls of Ontario, but his intellect does not seem to have absorbed any of the principles of parliamentary procedure, much less those of common-sense.

The leader as a leader and, indeed, even as a member, was a lamentable failure: even with his training as an executive officer before being removed from the charge of the Toronto Normal School, his knowledge of conducting business in anything like a business-like way is extremely limited, not being brilliant enough for the ordinary township council.

Words of commendation are due the old members and some of the new ones of the Board for their endeavors to cut short as much as possible the proceedings with all due respect to the worth of the work to be performed, but with the obstruc-

tion nothing but the cloture would have been effective.

OUR LATENESS.

The longer we live the more we get used to this sort of thing, and in spite of our grumbling propensities, we simply have to grin and bear it. The trouble is that even if we ourselves do make our heads whirl hustling up delinquents, our subscribers, if we may call them such, do not seem to take these facts into consideration, and make remarks that are rather detrimental to our good standing. Probably some other remarks will be made on our June July, or *vice versa*, issue. Feeling in our own minds that we are justified in the delay, we, although apologizing, do it in no humble manner, but merely by way of explanation.

The Council sat later and longer than it ever did before: the Official Stenographer, although working as hard as it is possible for any man of his avoirdupois to do, seemed to and did take more time than we could spare, and consequently our printers could not get hold of copy. Maybe it is our fault, but we doubt it. Hence we apologize, and have no qualms of conscience over our contemporaries' remarks anent this June-July copy.

THE ASSESSMENT.

It will be interesting to many members of the medical profession to learn that as a result of the last session, though the funds of the Council are materially depleted, certain members have been forced to pay their indebtedness, which heretofore they had refused to do as a matter of *principle*. In paying them for their valuable (?) services monies were kept out to the amount of \$230. When we take into consideration that many of the members were about paid up, it will easily show how far some of the others had allowed their *principles* to carry them.

Without doubt all will be pleased at the action taken with reference to the enforcement of 41a, in that if sufficient funds come in before June 1st, 1896, to meet the indebtedness of the Council, the penal clause will not be put into force. This will give those through the province who are so anxious to pay, but who don't want to be forced, an oppor-