

This was done in this way, as I understand, there was a conference held in some informal way among the medical men who were in the House; and the outcome of that was that Dr. McKay, who was acting in our behalf in the Legislature, mainly, suggested as well as Dr. Pyne that we should bring together certain members, whom he named; I am not prepared to say whether those were named at the conference of the committee that was held at the House, or how; but it was suggested to us that we invite together certain persons that he named for the purpose of waiting upon the Government and presenting their case. As we felt at the time the matter was somewhat critical and we thought ourselves in duty bound to act in good faith with the members of the House who were acting in our behalf; and accepting that view we invited the medical men to assist us that had been specified by them. On the second occasion there was not so large a number invited; the invitations were confined here to Toronto men; and this was by decision of the first gentlemen when they were present, after consulting on the matter; it was decided then the invitations should be confined as far as practicable, to local men. At the same time we felt that we must comply with the gentlemen's wishes who were acting in our behalf in the House.

Dr. Rogers.—I think the principal involved is one worthy of the consideration of this Council. The principal is that the Executive Committee called a partial meeting of the Council, and not a full meeting of the Council, I do not find any power in the by-laws or in the Medical Act to empower them to do that. In the first place I do not say but what it was expedient; I do not say but the reason given by our late president is one well worthy of consideration; that he did what he should have done; that is, on the request of Dr. McKay, our mutual friend in the Local Legislature, it was agreed that certain members of this Council should be asked to help the Executive Committee before the Committee of the House of Assembly. I only wish to point out that such a course as that of calling a partial meeting of the Council is not authorized by either the Act or the by-laws of this Council.

Dr. Bray.—I do not wish to interrupt but I think Dr. Rogers is entirely astray. There was no meeting of the Council or partial meeting of the Council; there were some gentlemen, members of the Council, in their individual capacity and not as members of the Council.

Dr. Rogers.—I have said it was a partial meeting of the Council, and I said that it should have been a full meeting of the Council or a full meeting of the Executive Committee. I do not wish to be understood to be finding fault with the late president in any method he took, because I am satisfied all he did was in the interests of the pro-

fession; but I want to emphasize this fact, that it was an irregularity; that neither the Medical Act nor the by-laws empower the committee to do that. I do say if it was found necessary by the Executive Committee to have assistance from members of the Council then there was only one course open to them and that was to call a full meeting of the Council; that is always open. Each member of this Council has an equal right to attend the meetings with any other member. I have been informed by my friend, Dr. Bray, that this was not a partial meeting of the Council; if it was not a partial meeting of the Council I should like to know very much what it was. Certain members, for instance the names there are Dr. Day, Dr. Bray and Dr. Bergin and Dr. Rutan I believe were called here at the request of the president.

Dr. Bray.—I never was asked; I was not here at all.

Dr. Rogers.—I thought your name was read out. Certain names were given; those persons not only came here at the official request of the president, but they drew pay for this meeting; there is one serious matter comes in; had they come here as friends of the Council, well and good, had they come here as individual practitioners, well and good, but they were called together officially by the president of the Council which I say was contrary to the authority given by the Medical Act and by-laws of this Council; and they received pay for it. I say it was a partial meeting of the Council. I do not want to say it was not an expedient course to pursue. I do not want to say it was wrong; but I want to emphasize the fact it was not in accordance with the policy of the Council; and consequently it should not be left as a precedent of the future. This, if left unnoticed would be a precedent for the future, that partial meetings of the Council could be called by the Executive Committee.

Dr. Geikie.—I think a year or so ago Dr. Rogers was a member for he came up to attend a Legislative Committee; I think that was attended with a good deal of expense to the Council; and I never heard him say a word as to it not being perhaps wise. And I wish to point out that this report refers to a very essential work, a most important and indispensable work, for which very little was paid.

Dr. Campbell.—Dr. Rogers is quite wrong, both as to what was done and as to the power exercised on that occasion. The Executive Committee by the rules of this Council have to take cognizance of any action upon all such matters as may be delegated to it by the Council or upon such as may require immediate interference and attention between the adjournment of the Council and the next meeting. The Executive meeting found their immediate attention was required in a very seri-