

thinks, at all events, that it ought once in a while to have a representative upon the Examining Board. The Homœopathic representatives and the representatives from the eastern portion of Ontario, fixed upon Dr. Small as a very able man, and one who would be competent to examine in more than one branch, and I think that we ought not to be deprived of proper representation upon that Board when we ask for it; and it is for that reason, not because we have any doubt of Dr. McKinnon's ability, not because we believe Dr. McKinnon did not examine fairly, and properly, and ably, because we believe he did; but we did think that in accordance with the rule of the Council that has been followed ever since I have been in it, and was the rule before I came to it, that two years, unless the Council thought proper to retain a man for special reasons longer, should be the limit of any man's place upon the Board of Examiners. I need not say that I sympathize strongly with the feeling expressed in the Council, not only this year, but during several years past, that when we had a Board of Examiners thoroughly competent, that we ought to extend the period of their position as examiners during the entire term of the Council, five years; but we have no power to do that, and although we appoint these examiners a second year, we have to do it as we do with every other officer, make the appointment yearly.

Dr. Bray—With some of Dr. Bergin's remarks I agree, and with others I disagree. What I think should be and has been the practice for this Council is to put on the best men they can get, no matter where they come from. If this can be done, I think it is perfectly right to give all portions of the Provinces representation. But I take exception to Dr. Williams' remarks, that if we change one examiner we have to change the whole. I do not think that is consistent; and I don't think it would be in the interests of the Council to do so, for the reason that if you take off all the examiners you have an entirely new Board, and I think that would be very unadvisable to do, because they would be all new to the work; it is well to have some men on who are accustomed to the work. And if it was the custom to remove the whole Board every time we made a change, then I think there would be disorder and confusion. It is true that when a man if a good examiner he should be retained as long as we can retain him; and I don't think that Dr. McKinnon's name or the name of the other gentleman that was left off, was left off for cause, but because we thought there were other men just as good; and instead of removing the whole Board of Examiners, we take off one or two, or two or three each year. I think that is the idea, and I think the best idea. I don't think Dr. Williams himself would think it a good plan to remove the whole Board and put on new men.

Dr. Williams—Dr. Bray misunderstands my remarks entirely. I didn't suggest that the whole Board be changed, but the fact occurred to me that probably Dr. McKinnon was not on that Board the longest of any man who was there and thought possibly if you were going to change because a man had been on for some time, and as Dr. Bergin says the change should be made in two years, then it looks reasonable you would start with the man that had been on the longest time; and if because one man had been on for three years it was advisable to change him, perhaps the same rule would apply to each other man who had been on three years. I fully agree with the idea that the longer a man is an examiner the better examiner he becomes; but while that is true, that has not been the rule of the Council. It has been looked upon as an honor to a medical man to have an appointment as an examiner; and it has been passed around, as Dr. Bergin says, about once in two years. If that rule is followed I have no special objection to it at all, but I don't think it looks right without an explanation that one man or two should be dropped out and others that have been on as long or longer not interfered with. It would have the appearance without an explanation that there might be cause. That was why I asked that the explanation should be given that it was not for cause but in the ordinary workings of the Council.

Dr. Harris—I wish to say in regard to the other change, that he was not dropped out for cause at all. I believe the committee appreciates his work well, and so do the whole Council, but he has been there two years; and Dr. Orr did not express any special desire to have him retained. Dr. Orr would like to have seen him there, I have no doubt in the world, but he didn't ask the committee, as Dr. Johnson did. Dr. Johnson has a large constituency, and it was his desire to have a little change made and consequently the committee came to that conclusion. There was no fault found with Dr. Wilson any more than Dr. McKinnon.

Dr. Orr—With regard to some of the remarks dropped from the lips of Dr. Harris, I think I should be unfaithful to the duties I owe to my constituency if I didn't say I used my best endeavor to secure the replacing of Dr. Wilson's name on the list of examiners.

Dr. Harris—You did not come into the committee room as Dr. Johnson did.

Dr. Orr—I have not been in the habit in the past and I hope I shall not in the future, be guilty of interfering with any committee I am not placed upon. However I am pleased to hear the committee state that those gentlemen who have been replaced on the Board by others have not been replaced on account of any of their work not being good and quite satisfactory to this Council. I should have liked very much to have seen the name of Dr.