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EDITORIAL.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Medical Council was held early in July and the report of the meeting has just reached us. It was far over due and long ere this should have been in the hands of the medical practitioners of this province. There is no excuse for so long a delay, as the amount of text is not great, and could be set up in any printing establishment in a few days.

The register is another matter of the utmost importance. The condition of this record of the medical practitioners who are members and have a right to receive voting papers is a disgrace to the profession of the province. Physicians whose names should be found in the register are not recorded, many are recorded with wrong addresses, and many have no address at all.

An effort must be made to bring the medical register up-to-date. This can be done. There need be very few whose location cannot be ascertained. It would require some time and trouble, but this is just the sort of duties the profession expect of the medical council. In some of these things the medical practitioners of the various electoral districts have been too lax. They should have seen to it that their representatives attended to this.

On page 96 of the announcement we find that a committee was appointed to deal with the re-organization of the medical council, the main object being a reduction in its membership.

On page 134 we find that this committee reported progress, and stated it was not able to report a complete scheme at this year's meeting.

This vital question must not be lost sight of. There are now 18 territorial representatives, 5 for colleges, and 5 homœopathic members. This gives a total of 28. The treasurer's report showed that the total income was \$37,820.44. This appears too large a body to manage so small a trust. The looking after the other medical interests should not require so many persons. We urge reduction.

ALCOHOL IN MEDICINE.

The views on the value of alcohol in medicine have undergone much change of late years. Very many of the most experienced physicians