

and to say that we are not going to make a defence of the Council, but simply put a few of our own views on paper. Of course, if they happen to be in favor of one side or the other, we again assert that it is only our own ideas that are being aired.

All close corporations have their basis on pretty much the same ground and have a privilege of guarding their interests. If it were not so, the object of the existence of that corporation would be defeated at its first step.

The law gets a fee, supplies reports to and allows lawyers to practise. If the fee is not forthcoming, a stopper is soon put on the delinquent. The Pharmaceutical Council demands a fee, supplies a journal and its privileges on payment of that fee. Non-payment ensures quick action against the debtor. Enough said.

The Medical Council demands a fee, or did do so up to the time of change in legislation, and in so acting was quite within its powers. Dr. Bergin's motion as to the removal of names from rolls, and Dr. Harris' motion, with reference to sending out of Annual Announcements, were quite within the law, and in no way, in our opinion, could they be cavilled at. The legislation, in spite of Dr. McLaughlin's remark, was not in any way secret. The idea of not sending out the Announcement was simply to fulfil the by-laws, as the statutes only required the privileges of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to be accorded to those who had carried out their part of the contract.

Legislative enactment requires bills to be on paper before the meeting of the House, and if this one of the Council's were late in coming on, it was not from any delay put forward by the members of this body. Surely it is known that delay or otherwise depends entirely on the members of the Legislature itself.

Can Dr. McLaughlin quote a case similar to that of John Smith, M.D.? We would like to hear of it, and are afraid it was an extreme interpretation of the section.

In conclusion, if any member of the medical profession acts as a quack or fakir, why should not he fall under any section of the Act as well as such men from the States?

British Columbia.

Under control of the Medical Council of the Province of British Columbia.

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CORRECTION.—In the article on the "Thyroid Gland," the title of the pamphlet received from Dr. Osler treated on "Tubercular Pericarditis," and not "Tubercular Pericondritis," as it appeared in the JOURNAL.

ANOTHER CASE OF LEPROSY.

Another case of leprosy was unearthed a few days ago in the Chinese quarter in Vancouver. It was of the tubercular variety and had been in the city for three months. The patient had been in Montreal, Toronto and other Canadian eastern points, and finally drifted to Vancouver with the hope of obtaining passage on one of the C. P. R. steamers to Hong Kong. He has a wife and family living in Canton, a hundred miles or so from Hong Kong, but he will never see them again for he is now a resident of the leper colony on Darcy Island. Not that there would be any difficulty in getting away from the colony, as it is only separated by a narrow passage of water from San Juan, a neighbouring island on the American side; but recapture would be inevitable and only a change of prisons would be the result. It would make some difference to the city of Vancouver, however, inasmuch as it has to supply the unfortunate patient with food, raiment and shelter during the remainder of his existence, whatever length that may be. This is the second patient kept at the expense of that city, the Board of Health of New York city having, a few years ago, sent a leper all the way across the continent to foist him upon the people of Vancouver. He is still on Darcy Island, but from last reports he was in a very low condition, and though the city council of Vancouver is far from being composed of unkind or uncharitable men, it is nothing but natural to suppose they would be glad to hear of the good celestial taking his flight to his home beyond the skies. What is wanted in this province is a lazaretto, maintained at the expense of the Dominion Government, such as is the case at Tracadie, Nova Scotia. It is simply an outrage that Vancou-