

almost qualifies it for a place in the Chamber of Antiquities. What I refer to is their antiquated system of open voting. The evils of that system are too well known for it to be tolerated in any other place, but it seems to be considered good enough for the medical profession. There is no question that it gives the sitting member a most unfair advantage over his opponent. Under the present system the sitting member presents his nomination paper to all, or nearly all, the members of the profession in his district, and if another member takes the field he finds even his own friends are already pledged against him, and if they vote for one or the other, or do not vote at all, hard feelings are sure to arise in some quarters. I know that in our district there are some clouds in the air that would not be there were it not for this antidiluvian system of voting. I claim it as a right that I vote for whom I please, and I say that nobody has any right to know how I vote; and I say that any council or other body that does not grant me that right does me an injustice. It is, of course, necessary to vote by mail, but it is not necessary to have the ballot open. The machinery should be easy to arrange. The ballot proper might be placed in a separate envelope and sealed, nothing on it but the name of the candidate; enclosed with this, in the outer envelope, is the voucher, signed by the voter. The ballots, in their envelopes, are laid aside, and, when all are in, are opened and counted. Surely that part of it should offer no difficulty.

You may publish this or not, as you think best, but please try to so use your influence that this glaring defect in our Council may be remedied.

Sincerely,

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The Canadian Medical Exchange, in charge of Dr. W. Hamill, wishes us to announce that intending purchasers of medical practices should watch every month for advertisements of medical practices for sale in the advertising columns of this journal, but in the intervals they should watch the offers of medical practices under Business Chances in the *Toronto Saturday Globe and Mail and Empire*, as many practices are sold before the medical publications go to press. He always has from ten to twenty practices for sale in all parts of Canada, and by writing him buyers will secure a short cut to what they want.

Details of any offer are furnished buyers free, the aim of the office being to bring those who wish to buy in touch with those who wish to sell.