

expressed our views freely that this is a very serious undertaking and the ways and means should be clearly in sight before the association has embarked upon the scheme.

Dr. R. A. Reeve submitted the report of the Executive Committee. The report congratulated the Association on the fact that arrangements had been made with Dr. Andrew McPhail, of Montreal, to act as editor of the new journal. But, if we remember aright, no word was said as to the salary for the present, nor in the future, should the new journal continue to be issued. We have tried to secure information for the profession, but so far have not succeeded.

Then the report went on to state that \$360 a year be paid to those who now hold the goodwill of the *Montreal Medical Journal*. At 5 per cent. this interest on a capital of \$7,200. Whether Dr. McPhail will prove a successful editor time will tell, but one thing is very evident, some one has proven himself a good bargain maker, and we do not hesitate to state, has completely out generated the Executive Committee.

Then the report stated that the *Montreal Journal* is to be made the organ of the association. And Dr. McPhedran told the meeting that he thought the association was getting good value. Where is the value? Will Dr. Andrew McPhail state that the *Montreal Medical Journal* was a paying concern? There may be some advertising on its pages, but this is only worth the commission paid an agent to secure it. In this aspect of the bargain the goodwill is not worth much. When one turns to the subscription list the goodwill is of no value at all, as the journal is only to go to members of the Canadian Medical Association. It will not do for the Executive to charge the members \$5 and send the journal to others for \$3 a year. This would be an improper use of the Association's funds.

Everything that is done by the Canadian Medical Association should be done in a strictly constitutional manner. If the Association undertakes to publish a journal, this journal must go to all the members, and to these only. Further, the Association commits itself to the necessity of furnishing the members a complete report of the proceedings. This will mean a heavy outlay of money. If the proceedings and papers are denied the other medical journals, then the Association will only have the goodwill of its own organ, whereas in the past it has had the goodwill of all the journals.

It was moved by Dr. Blanchard and seconded by Dr. Fotheringham, "that the members of the Finance Committee resident in Montreal be a sub-committee to complete arrangements between the *Montreal Medical Journal* and the Finance Committee for the Association." These persons are Drs. James Bell, F. G. Finley and E. Archibald.