

of such a Board, whether it should be based on representation by population, or number of medical men, or any other principle. On the basis of the number of medical men, if Prince Edward Island were given one member for its 90 medical men, Ontario with 2,500 medical men, would have 28; Quebec, with 1,400, would have 15; Nova Scotia, with 476, would have 5; New Brunswick, with 243, would have 2; Manitoba, with 344, would have 3; British Columbia, with 214, would have 2, and the North-west, with 95, would have 1.45. He thought that the better way would be for each Province to have the same number, three from each, making 24. He suggested that the Council consist of the President of the Medical Council of each Province, ex-officio, the member elected from among the Medical Council of each Province, and one from each Province elected by the Governor-General in Council. In addition to that, there should be three homœopaths, to be elected by their fellows throughout the Dominion." That is, Prince Edward Island, with 90 medical men and no Medical School is to have the same representation on the Council as Ontario with 2,500 medical men and five Medical Schools in three distinct centres. New Brunswick, with 243 medical men—a majority of them probably from McGill, like Prince Edward Island, and no Medical School is to be similarly treated. Or to put it in another way, Ontario with about as many medical men as all the rest of Canada is to have nominally 3 representatives, and the rest of Canada 21. That is representation by population with a vengeance. And though we are far from being represented by population, we should prefer it as a principle to an arrangement which laughs it to scorn. We have said 3 "nominal" representatives; for only one of the three is to be elected to the Council. Another is to be the President of the Medical Council in each Province, and as these men would be on the Dominion Council for only one year, they would have no real weight. The Council would infallibly get into the hands and under the control of a little clique from one centre, who would occasionally throw a sop to another centre, but in the main work it is in their own interest. It is easy to work the oracle when you control the shrine.

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