

days, too, the blatant professional rogues have been ably handled by the Medical Council. Hypnotic fakirs, also, and other charlatans have been brought to condign punishment.

In American cities where they have no license law at all, and where the profession is not under the virile protection of a Medical Council such as ours, such abuses as these which we have just mentioned exist, but there

are none of these evils in Ontario. The Medical Council's excuse for being in existence is that it should protect the public, as well as the profession, from imposture and abuse, and to the extent that it has compassed this it is deserving of its revenues. We have seen what the Council has done. Magnificently, Possibly it will do more.

Yours, etc.,

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with cisterns, rivers, lakes, springs the examination of wells and well-water, excreta, slops, garbage and the various soils. There are some especially good points on, and illustrations of, various privy closets.

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