

shall take the chair. If the President was still President of the Council, it would follow that he should take the chair, but that clause of the by-law implies that the present President will be then ex-President.

Dr. BEACON—He will be ex-President the day the new Council meets, but not before.

Dr. WILLIAMS—As I understand this motion, there is no intention that that committee shall take on any active work at all. It is merely a committee in existence, that in case any emergency crops up they may be in a position to act, and there is no supposition on the part of Dr. Thorburn or the seconder of his motion that there is likely to be anything of the kind. This motion is merely providing a means of action in case anything should crop up.

Dr. MILLER—We have gone to the Legislature on several occasions already, and I am not quite sure that upon all occasions we have been as successful as we anticipated we should be, or hoped we would have been. Under those circumstances, I think, seeing that after the 30th October we will, merely as a Council, be living until next June to act in case of an emergency, and it is just possible that the new Council, shortly after their election on the last day of October, may see fit to call a special session of the Council, when they will undertake the management of affairs now devolving upon us. Therefore, I think the appearance of a resolution such as this upon our minutes may have the effect of strengthening the impression which has been industriously circulated, that we have been clinging to office as long as possible, and that we are dying hard. I would respectfully suggest to these gentlemen that the resolution be withdrawn, and certainly if it goes to a vote I shall feel it my duty under these circumstances to vote against it.

Dr. ROGERS—In the Treasurer's report this year there is an item "Committee re legislation, \$225, for the last session of Parliament." At the time of considering the Treasurer's report, I didn't notice this item; I do not understand it now. But this much is certain, that every Legislation Committee seems to have a method of expending a certain amount of money, and therefore I think it would be unwise for us to appoint a Legislation Committee this session, which might be called on to spend money after they had practically ceased to become members of this Council.

Dr. CAMPBELL—I do not see any particular harm can arise from the appointment of this committee, as there is no very great probability that the Committee will be called upon to do anything. But it seems a matter of expediency that there should be a Legislation Committee in connection with this body all the time, to watch legislation, and, if necessary, to advise with the Executive, and to report to the Council any changes. There could be no harm in having a Standing Committee for that purpose, and I can see no harm in having a Special Committee. I am sure it is not at all likely this committee will initiate anything for themselves. It is hardly possible there will be any work for them, and I do not think there is likely to be any expense connected with this committee.

Dr. BRAY—I quite concur in the remarks made by Dr. Campbell; so much so, that I was going to rise to make very similar remarks. I would add, further,

that, supposing the new Council see fit to call a meeting before there can be any meeting of the Legislature, that committee will have died, so it certainly will do no harm. I think this is a matter of expediency. It is not going to cost anything. The committee is not going to initiate any legislation. There is no proposition to go to the Legislature at all. In the first place, it is just to "watch legislation." In the next place, the motion says, "If this committee, with the Executive, deem it necessary to go to the Legislature, or deem it necessary any changes should be made in the Medical Act, they shall report to this Council." They do not take any action at all, but merely report what legislation is necessary, and it is for this Council to say whether it is wise to act. That committee have no power except to watch the Legislature; they have no power to initiate anything. But I think it is necessary to have such a committee, and I think this Committee should be a Standing Committee, and that the Rules and Regulations should be amended to provide for it.

On the demand of Dr. Rogers the yeas and nays were taken; the Registrar announced the count to be fifteen yeas and seven nays, and the President declared the motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

Dr. DAY—It has been arranged that the report of the Discipline Committee should come up to-day, taking precedence over all other business; and our solicitor is here and the parties whose cases have been reported on, I understand, are here.

Dr. Day presents and reads report of Discipline Committee for the year ending 14th June, 1894. (See page 395.)

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Mr. H. S. Osler appeared as solicitor for the Council.

Dr. John Robert McCullough was called into the room.

Dr. Day read the report of the Discipline Committee re McCullough, and said: Dr. McCullough is here. I suppose it is proper he should have an opportunity of putting in any defence he may have. He has already written a letter of apology and submission; and I would ask before Dr. McCullough addresses the Council that that letter and submission should be read.

Dr. Pyne read letters from Mr. Walter Cassels, Q. C., and from Dr. McCullough, dated 11th November, 1893.

Dr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Miller, that Dr. McCullough be now heard. Carried.

Dr. MCCULLOUGH—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of this Honorable Council, I beg to state to you that I have come before you to confess that I have done wrong and am sorry for doing it. I am an aged man; and out of the past years of my life I have served the public to the best of my ability as a physician, surgeon, accoucheur, and specialist, having received my license as such from Lord Elgin in Kincardine, then Governor of Upper and Lower Canada, in the year 1851. And now, in old age and declining years I have a wife and helpless family who have no other support or way of living to keep them and I but what I can make now in my declining years by my profession. Therefore, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of this Hon-