

serious risk of hanging herself. As for ourselves, we thought that there were very good reasons for objecting to our Provincial University deliberately de-provincializing herself by making any one of our medical schools her teaching Faculty in Medicine, and thus dwindling into one of several competing medical teaching bodies, instead of continuing to be a Provincial affiliating centre, as she had been for so long, at which any student, wherever educated, might, if he wished, take his degree. Indeed, our own charter was obtained with the special view, as may be seen in its preamble, of having our affiliation with the Provincial University permanent. We had therefore good reason to complain—yet we made the best of it. Government pledged itself that we might rest assured that no public money would be used in connection with the newly-formed Faculty. True, we heard the very reverse of this from many interested quarters, and it was very often repeated, and for two or three years, although of late, this sort of talk has fortunately ceased. Our motto has always been, and is now, "*Fair play for all our medical colleges, but no favours paid for out of the public purse for any one of them.*"

You all know, for it is a matter of very recent history, how, in spite of the many and solemn pledges given in all good faith by Government, and without the knowledge of the government, or of the Senate, or of the trustees of the University, what was clandestinely done—how very large sums of University public money were spent for medical teaching purposes—sums large enough to seriously cripple the University in her vitals, viz., her Arts and some of the Science departments, for years to come. You know how we have again and again, year after year, exposed what was going on, and continued to do so, till at length the Government, the legislature, the people all over the Province, and even the friends of University College itself, were roused at the injustice to which we directed public attention—justice, not only to the Arts and some of the Science departments of the University, but to all the self-supporting medical colleges in the Province. The wide-spread sensation produced by the exposure will not soon be forgotten. The Government when once roused to action, lost no time in asserting publicly, a few months ago, through the proper channel, "*that the action taken*

*in these matters being in contravention of their understanding and intention, policy and pledges, could not be maintained, and that the existing arrangements must be modified.*" And they have been modified, by having interest charged annually on the amount of public money said to have been expended for medical teaching purposes, and also a charge made for maintenance as well. This is only fair and right. If the University of Toronto, or the Government, were to build for us, or for the London or the Kingston Medical College, any one of them would expect to be charged for the outlay of capital.

We want now—and we have never wanted anything else—only what is fair, fair to others, fair to the Arts Department of the University, fair to ourselves. The arrangements just referred to, made last summer, while tending in the direction of fair play all round, and so far so good, are by no means wholly satisfactory from our point of view, for they have not gone far enough, nor do they appear even to have entirely pleased our friends of the sister College. Indeed, the longer the matter is considered the more one is persuaded that the true way of meeting every reasonable aspiration of the University of Toronto to have a Medical Faculty of some kind, and at the same time to keep the exchequer absolutely safe hereafter, from being either openly or secretly depleted for other purposes than the legitimate maintenance and extension of her General Arts and Science Departments, would be to make such a change as would admit of the late Toronto School of Medicine resuming her former position, and to create a Medical Faculty on the model of the Faculty of Law as that is at present constituted in the University.

In striking contrast to the Medical Faculty, that of Law does not cost the University or the public one farthing for buildings or for anything else. The law professors in the University—except in the case of the professor of political economy, whose subject is as much of general as of professional interest—are *unsalaried* and *honorary only*—and the occasional lectures they give are of so general a character as to be regarded as a desirable part of a good education. Let the members of the proposed Medical Faculty be selected from the best names in the various teaching Medical Faculties in the Province, say, two from each, and two from the