

council for per diem, for mileage, and for attendance on committees, the extra time voted by the medical council, the five cents a mile each way, and payments to committees while the council was in session are illegal.

I am, yours truly,

JOHN FERGUSON.

Mallorytown, Aug. 18th, 1910.

John Ferguson, Esq., M.D.

MY DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 13th to hand, and in reply would say that any action in any matter, would have to come before the council either at its annual session or at a special session called for the purpose. I have no doubt if there is anything wrong the council will give it due consideration at its next session. The council have always avoided calling a special session unless they consider it very essential.

I am, fraternally yours,

J. W. LANE.

Dr. J. L. Bray, Registrar College Physicians and Surgeons, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—Please send me a copy of the announcement for this year. The elections are coming on soon, and I wish to lay before the readers of THE CANADA LANCET such information as may help to guide them in the choice of their representatives. I am, sir, yours truly,

JOHN FERGUSON.

No reply at the moment of going to press.

It will be seen that nothing will be done in the matter of these wrongful expenditures until a new council is chosen and a meeting held. The letter of Dr. Lane, the President, makes this quite clear.

The nomination papers must be in by 14th November. The members of the profession should have their minds made up long before that date as to the advisability of returning the present member, or electing some one else. But the announcement has not yet appeared. The council adjourned on 9th July, and over two months have gone by and no announcement as yet. The medical professions are thus kept in the dark as to what has been done, as the announcement of this year is to contain the expenditures of the past four years. The medical profession is thus deprived of the means of coming to proper conclusions before the time of handing in nomination papers.

We have some experience in printing and feel free to state that the announcement could have been got out in two or three weeks. There is no need for this delay. On the present occasion, when an election is coming on, and the council is under severe attack for mismanagement of the affairs of the profession, the long delay is absolutely inexcusable, and