

such schemes must have small beginnings, I began personal appeals to the many friends and acquaintances I had met throughout the Dominion while attending Canada Medical Association meetings. But for the loyalty and support of these friends my scheme was doomed to failure. However, I never let go and at last began to reap a success. It was small and of slow growth, but the premises being sound, I had no misgivings, and so plodded along, meeting with nothing but success in the defence of cases, albeit our treasury was in a sad state many a time and oft, for legal battles are expensive whether one wins or loses.

We paid out money cheerfully and in five or six years the horizon cleared and since then we have had no anxiety.

The majority of my hearers will have read my short annual addresses at the various meetings so I will not reiterate them.

My main theme was the constant preparation to enable us to step into the breach and assist an unfortunate, and probably maligned, brother in defending his integrity and his purse.

It is impossible to sum up the results in figures because where one action was brought to trial we silenced three others in embryo by accepting service of the writ whenever the plaintiff decided he was ready. I am gratified, however, to be able to say we have fought out at least thirty cases in open court and in all these, save one, we have come out victorious.

To estimate what this means to practitioners in local centres far away from proper facilities for preparing a defence in a law suit is well nigh impossible, but the relief of anxiety and the sense of confidence that we have been able to implant can in some measure be computed. We have never had to borrow a cent.

The annual dues of members cheerfully paid in year by year have supplied us with the sinews of war, and we have accumulated assets to-day of some \$10,000 available to work with if need be, and we have paid out in round figures about \$6,000 in legal expenses. We have just emerged victorious last month in two rabid cases in Western Ontario where the plaintiffs abandoned their actions in open court.

The most recent activity I have been engaged in has been the establishment of the Medical Council of Canada. It would take a ream of paper even to outline this operation with all its manifold entanglements since the eighties. The champion fighter was Sir Thomas Roddick and his pluck and pertinacity surpassed belief. He did not know the word failure and this dream so dear to him