

gated at the same time. During the year I have secured evidence against eight medical practitioners for unprofessional conduct, which I will submit to you to be dealt with. Some of them have cost me a great deal of time and money, but trust that if an investigation be held as to their character, I will be in a position to produce evidence to sustain my report.

In requesting the Council to investigate any case against a medical practitioner, the application had to be signed by four regular practitioners. I am instructed by Mr. Osler that the charge be laid directly by me, dispensing with the practitioners names.

There has been a number of reports brought to my notice regarding students practising. In most cases where I found that it was so, I went to them and let them know that unless they stopped practising and went to school to study and try the examinations, I certainly would prosecute. I found that, in a number of cases, it had the desired effect, as some have passed, and others who have not, have written that such is the case, and asking that the Registrar recommend any young man who has passed to come and take the practice until they pass.

In the early part of January it was reported to me that a number of American doctors were practising on the Niagara frontier, and would not allow the Canadian doctors on the American. I went up there and interviewed every Canadian doctor, but not one of them could tell of a case that had been treated within a year, in fact, some of the doctors were in favor of the American doctors coming over, and from what I could learn, that one man telephoned to the other side that I was there. I came back to Toronto, and brought two men with me to watch every bridge, but none of them came over, although I got the names of them all from the chief of police. I laid an information against one man, but he has not come to the Canadian side, so that he could be served.

In the Murray, Students' and Niagara cases, there was no revenue derived, but there was quite an outlay. I herewith submit a statement showing amounts rendered and paid out, namely, twenty-three convictions, amounting to \$825.00, and expenditure over \$889.44. This includes legal expenses, the criminal prosecution, and over \$150

paid out in appeal and costs in the Owens case in Forest.

In a great many cases, to secure a conviction, I informed the presiding magistrate that I had no interest in the fines, but my duty was to prosecute and secure a conviction, and they generally imposed the minimum fine, and in some cases when the evidence was not very strong, the case was dismissed, which was only in two.

I may state that, in Bruce and Kent counties, I have appointed a constable in each as assistants, so that now I have got them well versed in medical work, and when any cases are reported from those districts, I instruct them to prosecute, and in all cases to hire a solicitor, and send me the bill, and if they want me to wire. I have also two men whom I take out in some cases, so that I can send them down east, or use them for evidence.

I desire to draw your attention to the method of prosecuting at present. As I am away from home a good deal of my time, I have to pay a man a regular salary of \$38 a month to look after the building, and as I have to pay all costs of the prosecution, which some months amount to \$100, out of my own pocket, and do not receive it from the treasurer until I put in my bill at the end of the month, it sometimes leaves me in an embarrassed position, as I have to borrow the money until the end of the month. I would kindly request that a certain amount be deposited to my credit, and that I furnish my expense bill monthly to the treasurer, certified to by the Registrar.

Trusting this will meet with your approval, and thanking you, gentlemen, for the support given me in trying to fulfil my duties towards the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, I shall be pleased to furnish any other information at my disposal. I remain yours,

THOMAS WASSON,

Detective C. P. and S. O.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,—As some of my friends have asked me if my hospital was the one advertised for sale in some of the Canadian medical journals, will you kindly permit me to say such is not the case, and oblige,

Yours truly,

HOLFORD WALKER, M.D.