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Should the Medical Profession of Ontario be Self-Governed?*

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WE are living in an age when the demand of the people for representative government is irresistible and imperative. This is true not only of the nation at large, but of all its divisions and sub-divisions into provinces, counties, cities, towns, villages and townships. It is equally true of those other divisions of the people into learned professions and societies without number. The people elect their members of Parliament. The people elect their Councillors. The lawyers elect their Benchers. The pharmacists elect their Council and the dentists their Board. The stockholders elect their bank and society directors, and so on through the whole almost interminable list.

Only to one body of men in all this country is the boon of self-government denied. To the members of the College of Physicians

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