

worse than dirt." The Physicians also had their difficulties with the Trustees—they prescribed brandy but found it not, in lieu whiskey was dispensed, and they were contemptuously told that it was just as good, and much cheaper. Had there been a unanimity of action, and any spirit of independence, they would, we think, have resigned in a body and left the Trustees to treat the sick as best they might. And, lastly, the House Surgeon, Dr. Clarke, did not escape unscathed. He was accused of repeated intoxication and an improper meddling in affairs extraneous to his province.

Most of the preceeding calumnies, especially that of Dr. Clarke's intemperance, we are rejoiced to find have not been substantiated, but the inquiry has not yet reached a satisfactory conclusion, and we perceive the Provincial Legislature has determined to take the matter up. Mr. Hartman very recently moved for a Select Committee to inquire into the management of the Toronto General Hospital, but after some discussion withdrew the motion, with an understanding that he would renew it so soon as the Government were in possession of the report of the Trustees on the subject.

PROMOTION OF QUACKERY BY THE LEGISLATURE.

In a recent number we referred to an Act then about to be introduced into Parliament, which was ostensibly for the relief of certain parties practising medicine in the Eastern Townships, but which in reality was merely to permit the individuals in question to evade the law of 1847, by making another law which should place them beyond the pale of prosecution by the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Canada East, for practising illegally or without subjecting themselves to the authorized requirements. Reasons were then adduced why such an unjust procedure should not be executed, and an expectation held out that a remonstrance from the Governors of the College would be forthwith submitted to the Legislature. We regret, however, to find that every effort has been futile, and that there is now more than a probability of the original bill speedily passing the Upper House.

This act of the Legislature wears an ominous import on its face; henceforth a precedent has been established which will sanction the most outrageous defiance of the authority of the only corporation that exists in Canada for the protection of legally qualified Physicians; for