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THE BILL TO AMEND THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ACT.

Dr. Meacham, at the beginning of the present session of the Local Legislature, brought in a bill to amend the Medical Act. The bill was referred to a special committee of the House which met on Monday evening, May 15th. The veteran Premier, Sir Oliver Mowat, was chairman of the Committee.

There was a large gathering of medical men and others; in fact the committee room was quite full. The interests of the Medical Council were looked after by the Legislative Committee—Dr. Williams (Chairman), Dr. Fyfe Fowler, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Bergin, Dr. Day, and Mr. B. B. Osler, Solicitor for the Council. A number of other members of the Council were also present, viz.: Dr. Bray, Chatham; Dr. Vernon, Hamilton; Dr. Fenwick, London; Dr. Miller, Hamilton; Dr. R. B. Orr, Toronto.

The Defence Association was represented by Dr. J. H. Sangster, Dr. Jessop, Dr. Armour, Dr. Hillier, Dr. Gunn, Dr. Bingham, Dr. Herriman, Dr. McLaughlin, Dr. J. E. White, Dr. A. Hamilton.

The Homœopaths were represented by Dr. Campbell, London; Dr. Vernon, Hamilton; and Dr. Hearn, Dr. Evans and Dr. Emory, of Toronto.

Toronto University Senate was represented by President Loudon, Dr. Laughlin McFarlane, Dr. Cameron, Dr. A. H. Wright, and Dr. W. H. B. Aikins.

Trinity University was represented by Provost Body and Dr. W. B. Geikie.

Amongst other members of the profession present were Dr. Ryerson, Dr. Gilmour, Dr. Barr, Dr. McKay, Dr. Willoughby, Dr. H. H. Wright, Dr. Fotheringham, Dr. Carveth, Dr. H. H. Oldright,

Dr. J. O. Orr, Dr. Spilsbury, Dr. Smith, Dr. Malloch, Hamilton; Dr. Pattullo, Dr. Playter, Ottawa; Drs. Herrod and McKinnon, Guelph; Dr. W. Oldright, Dr. W. T. Aikins, Dr. McPhedran, R. A. Reeve, Dr. U. Ogden, Dr. W. B. Nesbitt, Dr. Pyne, Dr. McMahon, Dr. Powell, Dr. J. S. King. Mr. Mulock, Vice Chancellor of Toronto University, was also present.

Some very able addresses were delivered by the gentlemen representing the Council, Schools and Universities, as well as members of the profession. After nearly two and one-half hours' discussion, the Chairman requested the deputation to retire, and the Committee, after lengthy consideration, recommended that a new bill be framed, based upon the recommendation of the Committee. This bill passed the House on Friday, May 26th. A portion of the Medical Act affected is herewith appended. The alterations and new matter are in italics:—

Section 6. Thirdly.—Seventeen members to be elected in the manner hereinafter provided from amongst, and by the registered Members of the Profession, other than those mentioned in the preceding sub-sections of this Section.

(2) The *seventeen* members to be elected as aforesaid shall be *and continue to be* residents of the several Territorial Divisions for which they are elected; and one member shall be so elected from each of the Territorial Divisions mentioned in Schedule A to this Act, by the registered Practitioners of Medicine resident in such Division; and the manner of holding such election shall, with respect to the time thereof and the taking the votes therefor, be determined by a by-law to be passed by the Council; and in default of such by-law being made, then the Lieutenant Governor shall prescribe the time and manner of holding such election. R. S. O., 1877, c. 142, s. 6; 50 V c. 24, s. 1.

7. (1) The members of the Council shall be elected or appointed, as the case may be, for a period of *four* years; but any member may resign his appointment at any time by letter addressed to the President or Registrar of the Council; and upon the death or resignation of any member of the Council it shall be the duty of the Registrar forthwith to notify the college or body wherein the vacancy has occurred, of the death or resignation; and such college or body shall have the power to nominate another duly-qualified person to fill the vacancy; or, if the vacancy be caused by the death or resignation of any member elected from a Terri-