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We invite every medical practitioner to study the reports given them by the registrar. This study will reveal some very interesting facts.

In the first place will be seen that the medical council is running behind. It is spending more money than it is receiving. This must cease, and it lies with the medical practitioners of the province to insist upon more careful methods. The council should require no compulsion in this matter. It should feel the situation to be one of trusteeship and act accordingly. We have shown in former issues that the funds have decreased by several thousands of dollars.

The next thing is that the announcement contains too many speeches, but too few facts. The members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons are not told in very clear terms where the money has gone. We would like very much to see the personal account of each member of the medical council. If there be nothing wrong why not give this? One does not like to hear rumors that there has been any overcharging for mileage or per diem. The only way the council can down these rumors is to breast the whole matter and tell the whole truth. So far as the *Canada Lancet* is concerned it is determined to get at the facts in some way.

Another matter of importance is that the announcement comes out altogether too late. There is absolutely no necessity for this. In a few days the stenographer can have the report in the hands of the printer, and we all know that modern presses do not sleep on such a job. The medical council must be more prompt in future. It must be remembered that the property, funds on hand, the income and expenditures are matters for every practitioner to know. The medical council occupies the position of a trustee only. It must be learned that the elected members of the council are responsible to the medical profession.

But there is a duty resting upon every registered practitioner to see that the representative of his district shall stand firmly by the rights of the medical council. Let us give an instance. When the Medical Bill was up for consideration it had passed the committee with the clause