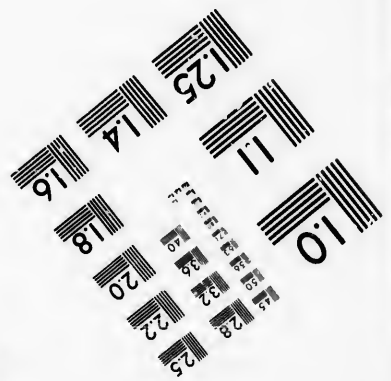
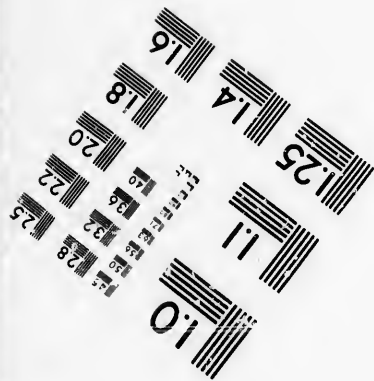
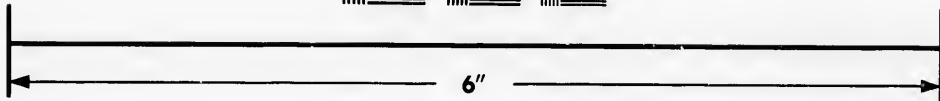
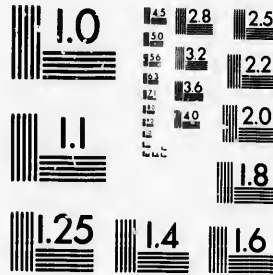


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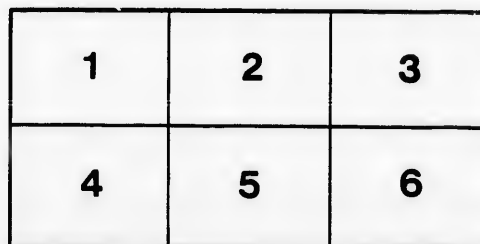
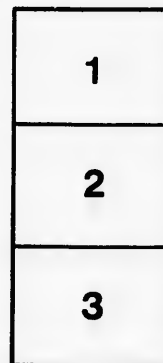
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OTTAWA, FEBRUARY 4th, 1890.

DEAR DOCTOR,—

I have had forwarded to me by a highly respected physician, residing in one of the towns in the Bathurst and Rideau Division, a circular issued by Dr. Cranston during the election of 1880 in this Division. I insert a copy, and it makes very interesting reading at the present time, when the Doctor is endeavoring to remain our Representative in the Council for five years longer.

Therein you will notice he emphatically declares no one should hold this position longer than one term, or five years, whereas he has already occupied it two terms, or nine years, and seeks to be allowed the honour for *fourteen* years continuously.

“DEAR SIR,—

“By this time you will have seen that Dr. Mostyn is also a candidate for the representation of the Rideau and Bathurst Division on the Medical Council.

“The position, which is an honourable and highly important one, *should be held successively by the members of the Division*, except in cases where potent reasons to the contrary can be urged.

“Now, whilst I have not the slightest desire to undervalue Dr. Mostyn's qualifications, I hold there are dozens in the Division equally able and qualified to represent us in the Medical Council, who should enjoy that privilege as soon as circumstances may permit. Holding this opinion, in which I feel certain you concur, I am not backward in stating that *the Doctor is showing a selfish and avaricious disposition in asking the position a SECOND TIME*, until the other qualified members who may desire it have their turn. If the office is to be monopolized from term to term by one or two, then there is an end to any laudable rivalry to develop the essential qualifications for filling such a position.

“On these grounds, on which I trust you hold similar views, my claims to the support of my *confreeres* are stronger and better founded than those of my opponent. * * * *

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“I am, yours very truly,

“J. G. CRANSTON.

“P.S.—Please let me hear from you at as early a date as possible.

“Arrprior, 11th May, 1880.”

I ask in all justice and fair play should Dr. Cranston have been a candidate in this election? He made the limit himself when he first sought the position, he has been allowed to remain in office not *one* but *two* terms, or nine years, and now he is moving heaven and earth almost to be elected again, and if the late Dr. Mostyn showed “a selfish and avaricious disposition” when he asked for the position a second term, pray how shall we characterize Dr. Cranston's disposition in thus seeking it for a third term? In view of the exposure this circular makes, if Dr. Cranston has the slightest particle of honour and self esteem he will retire and not *force* an election on the Division at the present time. If he does not, can any member in the Division consistently vote for him? I seek your support for the reasons already given, and I shall be very much pleased to hear from you in connection with this election at as early a date as you conveniently can. In case Dr. Cranston does not retire I shall answer his last circular fully, and while the reply must necessarily be lengthy, I trust you will patiently bear with me and read it carefully.

I am, yours very truly,

A. F. ROGERS, M.D.

