

### THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN BRITAIN.

What was expected by many has now actually happened, namely, that the Government would win, and that the national insurance scheme would go into operation.

The medical profession has itself to blame for being worsted in the contest. When the vote was taken by the British Medical Association as to the attitude of the profession on the Insurance Act, the vote was 5 to 1 against accepting its terms. But not quite half of the entire profession voted.

The unpolled vote was the crux of the situation. It was claimed that there were at least 10,000 doctors who were unpledged and willing to accept the terms offered by the Government. Others would follow.

It might be argued that the best doctors would not act, and the insured will receive an inferior sort of attendance; but time will, again, remedy this. If the Government can once put the Act in operation, the rest will be cured by time. The executive and officers of the British Medical Association have decided to release the doctors from their pledge against the Act. The whole difficulty has come upon the British medical profession because it catered to cheap lodge practice.

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### DOCTORS OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

Such is the title of a circular that was distributed in Toronto a short time ago. In it the statement is made that such practitioners "earn \$2,000 to \$10,000 a year." Then we are told that the gateway to this is to be found open to all who are "seeking knowledge to hold, which means power, influence and wealth."

It is stated that there is no need to spend "3 to 7 years of hard application in grinding in knowledge, much of which is never utilized in practice." There is no need to devote years of your time to learning a profession that is at present over-crowded." "Money, social position and wealth awaits those in this field who diligently pursue the practice of ophthalmic science and restore the blessing of sight and health to their patron and patients." "The college has by affiliation special privileges from the Government for the teaching of this wonderful science in all its completeness, and they that enter now reap the greatest reward."

In such terms as these we are informed that at 358 Queen Street West, Toronto, Canada, one may find the Royal College of Science. A scale of fees is given. The cash price for four weeks' attendance is \$50 for the optician's course. The doctors of Optics' course is one of twelve weeks and costs \$100. The doctor of optometrics' course is twenty weeks and the fee is \$150. The doctor of Ophthalmology course