

A ROYAL COMMISSION ON MEDICAL EDUCATION

RECENTLY, upon the occasion of the opening of the New Toronto General Hospital, Sir James Whitney, at the conclusion of his congratulatory remarks, digressed from the theme of the moment long enough to say that a Royal Commission would be appointed by the Provincial Government to inquire into the whole system of Medical Education in Ontario.

As many were aware, Sir James explained that hardly a session of the Legislature passed without applications of a variety of descriptions being received, asking that the Government protect and place upon a proper footing in the Province members of various schools of medical thought and promoters of different forms of medical education. It was most difficult to deal with all such applications. "The Government," he said, "has decided to appoint a commission to deal with the whole subject of medical education and the practice of medicine. The object of this will be to secure information on which to base legislation under which every imaginable application such as I have described can be regulated and controlled and governed in the interest of the people."

"Under the powers given to the commission medical treatment will include all means of preventing, healing or curing human disorders. It will be the duty of the Commission to investigate and report upon any matter relating to the education or practice of medicine; the constitution, powers and by-laws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and the