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THE MEDICAL PROFESSION OF ONTARIO VERSUS THE IRREGULAR PRACTITIONER

The following is the statement made by Dr. H. B. Anderson, President of the Ontario Medical Association, before the Medical Commission under the Honorable Mr. Justice F. E. Hodgins:

Your Lordship:

The Ontario Medical Association was organized in 1880. Its ordinary membership consists of regularly qualified medical practitioners in good standing, resident in the Province, or those engaged in teaching or research work in medicine or the allied sciences, in the Province of Ontario. It is the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Medical Association. The present membership is about one thousand, and includes the leading practitioners of the Province.

Article 3 of the Constitution of the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Medical Association reads:

“Objects of the Association:

- “1. The cultivation of the science of medicine and surgery.
- “2. The advancement of the character and honor of the medical profession.
- “3. The elevation of the standard of medical education.
- “4. The promotion of public health.
- “5. The furtherance of unity and harmony among its members.
- “6. To form the connecting link between the members of the profession of the Province and the Canadian Medical Association, in accordance with Article 4 of the Constitution of the Canadian Medical Association.”

At the outset, may I direct attention to the fact that the legislation passed from time to time to regulate medical practice in

