

as in the first case. Wherein does he profit much through this arrangement; and wherein is he provided for as an injured man?

If through negligence on the part of the employer, he, say an unmarried man, paying four or five dollars a week for his board and lodging, falls on a slippery floor and sustains a Colles' fracture, he will be probably disabled six weeks and will receive \$90. Out of this he will pay for his board and lodging \$30, and another \$30 to the surgeon. Through the negligence of an employer he loses \$60 to receive \$30 with the pain and discomfort thrown in. Wherein is there much provision for the injured workman?

Workmen as a class are as good pay and as honest from the doctor's standpoint as any other class of the community; but an Act whose "true aim" is to "provide" for an injured workman should exercise complete provision and not tentative participation.

It is not fair to the workman to place the responsibility upon him of paying for his medical and surgical attendance, hospital attendance, nursing, etc. A severe accident calling for hospital attendance, nursing, operations, etc., will eat up all his wages.

With a chief medical officer and medical referees it should be impossible for that fearful bugaboo, medical overcharge, to eat into the Accident Fund to any great extent, or wrongfully. The majority of the workmen would have been better pleased and better served had the law provided for the payment of physicians, hospitals and nursing out of the Accident Fund.

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For the annual meeting in Toronto, May 26th, 27th and 28th, it is most important that an unusually good attendance should be present. The Committees have got their work well in hand and there promises to be one of the best meetings held for some years. But the meeting is of first importance on account of the agitation for withdrawal from affiliation with the Canadian Medical Association. There seems to be no question that present arrangements between the two are unsatisfactory to a considerable portion of the membership of both in the Province of Ontario. The occasion will call for calm, frank and judicious discussion, for, apparently, no one desires to injure either but to benefit both.