

The appendices are very important and cover a wide range of topics which cannot however be taken up at present.

The Ontario Medical Association desires to express its approval of the various suggestions and recommendations so clearly stated by Mr. Justice Hodgins in his very admirable report on the subject of the Feeble-Minded.

MEDICAL EDUCATION IN ONTARIO.

At the meeting of the Ontario Medical Association last year, the Committee on Legislation submitted an exhaustive report on Mr. Justice Hodgins's Report on Medical Education. The findings of the Committee were adopted and copies sent to members of the Government and Ontario Legislature. The election held last Fall effected very many changes in the representation in the Provincial Parliament and brought a new Government into office. The Committee on Legislation of this year feels that it would be right and proper for the Ontario Medical Association to assert again its adherence to the views set out in its report of a year ago and to have copies of the same placed in the hands of the members of the present Government.

No reason was advanced why the late Government of Sir William Hearst did not introduce a bill founded upon the report of Mr. Justice Hodgins on Medical Education and the information placed before it by various bodies and persons. The status of medical practice is in a very chaotic and unsatisfactory condition. The judicial decision that a person does not practice medicine who does not give drugs, opened wide the door for a flood of unqualified persons to engage in practice under various names, such as Osteopath, Chiropractor, Mano-Therapist and Drugless Healer. In the interest of and for the safety of the people this should be remedied with the least possible delay, as the longer the present condition of the law in relation to medical practice continues, the more confusing and serious will that condition become.

The Ontario Medical Association has no hesitation in affirming the incontrovertible position that all who wish to practice the healing art in any way and under any name should first secure the license granted by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of this Province. This would work no hardship on any practitioner who desires to be honest towards his patients and would redound to the benefit of the people. It was to maintain a high standard of efficiency and education in the medical profession that led to the formation of the said college and its record for fifty-four years has amply proven the wisdom of what was then done.