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TOO MANY EXAMINATIONS.

A most interesting part of Mr. Justice Hodgins' Report on Medical Education in Ontario is that portion dealing with the "Relations of the University of Toronto and the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Ontario," and to be found on page 46. The University of Toronto submitted its views, which are given in the report; and the Commissioner goes on to state that the question raises larger issues than are set forth by the University. He summarizes these as follows:

"(1) Is it necessary to maintain the present Examining Board separate and distinct from the University faculties?

"(2) If the claim of the University of Toronto is granted, should the other universities be similarly treated?

"(3) Is it practicable to do away with the Examining Board and substitute therefor a system of inspection so that a license can be granted upon the production of a diploma from one of the universities?

"(4) If a separate Examining Board is retained, is the present composition of the Medical Council and its relations to the University satisfactory?"

Here it should be mentioned that the Commissioner very properly states that the Medical Council now examines students only in medicine, surgery and obstetrics, and accepts the examinations of the universities on all the other subjects. He also mentions that "this very reduction in the factor of difference between the two examinations forms a very natural argument against the necessity for its retention."

He then reviews the conditions in Great Britain, where the degree from a university or one of the teaching colleges entitles the holder of the degree or diploma to registration, and the license to practise. This condition in Great Britain is the result of a long and slow evolution,