

eau of Internal Revenue, and must make an annual return of its purchases and sales. The return must give the names of the parties from whom the purchases are made, and the names of the persons to whom sales are made.

“No sale can be made except by written order, no matter how small the amount, and the written order must be held for inspection by a Government officer or any other person for two years. Physicians, dentists and veterinarians requiring these drugs for their patients are compelled to keep a record of the amount of the drugs dispensed, the date, and the names of the parties receiving them. The law covers a class of proprietary medicines that contain the drugs in question, and are bought by drug users to satisfy their cravings. All these medicines are saleable only under such terms as apply to the unadulterated drug. To make the law effective it is provided that any person having in his possession drugs that have not been entered by the vendors in their books as required by law shall be liable to fine or imprisonment or both.

“The consumer of the dangerous drugs cannot now enter a store and buy what he wants. He must present either a prescription or an order written by himself for the drug in question. This order calls for a full description of the purchaser, including age, color of eyes, occupation, etc. The description is filed away with the order, and is examined and reported upon by the Government inspector. The sale of the drugs, in fact, is made so irksome to both parties to it, that it is expected that the drug victim, or the possible drug victim, will shrink from the red tape and the prospect of exposure which the law has provided for drug buyers and users. The law is not so strong as prohibition but, the Bureau can strengthen it by the regulations which that branch of the public service is empowered to make.”

The foregoing from the Washington correspondent of the *Mail and Empire* will commend itself to all. We should like to see the law in Canada made much more stringent than it is. There is no reason that can be advanced for allowing these drugs to be obtained too easily. Members of the medical profession can always secure the supply they require for the treatment of their patients. The laity should be debarred the right to purchase, except on an order from a legally qualified practitioner of medicine.

THE CHIROPRACTORS' BILL.

With the action of Attorney-General, Hon, I. B. Lucas, all will be in accord. None should be more gratified at the outcome of the effort on the part of chiropractors to secure special legislation than the people