

true course for the Ontario Medical Council to pursue in this matter is to do all that lies in its power to secure an arrangement of reciprocity with the western provinces. The Council will be held responsible by the profession if it does not.

OSTEOPATHY AGAIN.

The right of osteopaths to practise was before Col. Denison recently. Messrs. C. S. Gadsden and D. S. Kissick of the Canadian Detective Bureau gave evidence against Robert B. Henderson who practises osteopathy in Toronto.

Mr. J. W. Curry, K.C., who conducted the prosecution, cited a case where the decision had been given to the effect that "practising medicine did not necessarily mean the administration of drugs for the alleviation of disease, but the employment of any means to the end of healing." Mr. Curry contended that osteopathy was a means used to heal disease. He contended that the practice of osteopathy ought to be limited to duly qualified physicians or carried out only under their directions.

Messrs. Gadsden and Kissick proved that they had consulted R. B. Henderson and had paid for the treatment which they had received.

Osteopathy is not a new thing. In some form it has been before the people for a long time in the form of the practice of the bone-setters, the Swedish movement cure, or massage, etc. As practised now-a-days the words "osteopathy" has no true meaning. The practitioners of this ilk resort to rubbing, pulling, kneading, etc., for disease in all our organs, as well as when it is limited to our bones. Osteopathy is a pulling, hauling, rubbing, kneading process, applied to the human body by persons who almost always know nothing of disease, and when such treatment should be applied.

As examples of this we might mention the case of a lady who had very violent treatment at the hands of an osteopathist for pains which she suffered from. Her trouble was due to a floating kidney. In another instance a young boy who had tuberculosis of the elbow joint had it treated by forcible manipulations and with very bad results. A neurasthenic with meandering pains was told he had a bone misplaced in his neck. This was rubbed and pulled diligently.

But coming down to the kernel of the whole affair, doing anything for a patient is treating that patient. We regard our advice in diet just as rightly part of our therapeutics as we would the ordering of a certain drug. Many times physicians and surgeons treat their cases without ordering medicines of any kind. If this be not practising medicine and surgery then such practitioners would not be entitled to their fees. It is