

"That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of the Senate a statement showing the names of all liquid mixtures known as patent or proprietary medicines purporting to remove the most varied forms of diseases occurring in the human body, and, when weakened by such disease or by any indulgence, habit or accident, to restore it to its former strength and vigour. Showing also the amount of money, if any, paid by importer, maker, mixer or vendor, to the Government as special tax or license, and to whom paid. Showing likewise if the government has any knowledge of the ingredients which are employed to make these compounds :—

"(1) Has such knowledge been acquired from the statements of the parties who have the formulæ ?

"(2) Has it been acquired by qualitative or quantitative analysis of the Dominion Analyst, or by any other practical chemist, if so, what quantities are contained in a determinate measure, say one fluid ounce, of the following named ingredients :—

"(1) Water, quantity in determinate measure, say one fluid ounce, of the preparation examined.

"(2) Alcohol in any form, other than absolute; methylated or proof spirit or any other form; essences, ethers or any other solvent; colouring or flavouring substances; and, lastly, the solid ingredients in said preparations, the quantity and names of each."

In his speech the Hon. Senator Sullivan made a vigorous attack on the patent medicine business as a whole, but particularly on liquid mixtures on account of the large amount of alcohol which many of them contain, as well as dangerous drugs, such as opium, chloral, bromides, etc. He referred to the fact that many of these liquid mixtures contain large quantities of alcohol, in some instances as much as 40 per cent. He also pointed out the fact that the ingredients in these compounds were quite unimportant and could not accomplish the cures claimed for them.

In speaking of the testimonials he pointed out that these could easily be purchased. There were persons who could be induced to sell a testimonial for 25 cents. Many testimonials were also bogus. Indeed, it may safely be said that there are persons who pose as public men, ministers, doctors, lawyers, etc., who can be induced, for a fee, to give a certificate containing the most extravagant statement regarding the wonderful merits of certain patent medicines. When these testimonials are carefully examined they do not bear the convincing marks of truthfulness. There are ministers of the most nondescript denomina-