

men ordering for patients who are addicted to the use of habit forming drugs, these drugs in other than the most limited amount, and as may be merely required during the treatment for their habit.

It is expected that the Federal Government at Ottawa may soon deal with this subject through amendments to the act governing the sale of these drugs. It is to be hoped that the suggestions that have been drawn up by the Toronto Academy of Medicine, may find their way into the statute book. If so, a great step will have been made onwards.

PENSIONS FOR SOLDIERS.

The Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada have a very responsible duty to perform and require the careful co-operation of the medical profession. In the carrying out of the work of the Pension Board the members of the medical profession can be of the utmost service.

It goes without saying that every practitioner should be most careful not to issue certificates that are not strictly correct. In no case should the complaint of the soldier be exaggerated, as such a certificate might very seriously mislead the commissioners, and enable the soldier to secure an advantage to which he is not properly entitled, by way of leave of absence or pension.

Every member of the profession should bear in mind that the wilful granting of a false certificate renders the issuer liable to criminal action. But the certificate may be incorrect and yet given carelessly without a desire to deceive. Even such a certificate puts the issuer in an awkward light, that a little care would have averted.

We urge upon all to exercise strict impartiality in the examination of soldiers, and the recommendations for either pensions or leaves of absence.

THE CANCER QUESTION.

At a recent meeting of the American Society for the Prevention of Cancer several speakers of wide experience gave their hearers the benefit of their researches.

Dr. James Ewing of Cornell University College spoke encouragingly of the good effects of radium in the treatment of the disease. He frankly admitted that it cannot be relied upon as a means of permanent cure. It has proven of much value in the treatment of cancer of the skin and mucous membrane. It has also been of signal value in the treatment of