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EDITORIAL.

THE PROFESSIONAL CARE OF THE RETURNED SOLDIER.

The following resolution speaks for itself and should meet with the support of the medical profession all over Canada.

At a special meeting of the Academy of Medicine, Toronto, July 10th, 1917, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has always been the custom to have wounded and invalided soldiers retained under military regulations until discharged, and treated professionally by physicians and surgeons responsible only to the military authorities;

And whereas, in Canada a plan has been followed whereby wounded and invalided soldiers are placed under the professional care of physicians and surgeons who are made responsible to a civilian commission;

And whereas, the hospitals for the care of returned wounded and invalided soldiers, instead of being under the control of the Militia Department, have been placed under the control of the Military Hospitals Commission;

And whereas, up to the present the Commission have not assumed full control of these hospitals inasmuch as the medical care of patients is still to a large extent under medical officers responsible in part to the military authorities and in part to the Military Hospitals Commission, there exists a state of dual control which is eminently unsatisfactory and does not ensure provision of the best treatment available for the soldiers;

Therefore, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that in the opinion of the Academy of Medicine, Toronto, there should be one united Medical Service in Canada and that the medical care of all soldiers, invalided or otherwise, should be placed directly under a surgeon-general, to be known as Surgeon-General of Canada, with direct responsibility to the Honorable, the Minister of Militia, and with a seat on the Militia Council;