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THE WAR AND DRUGS.

The war, now raging in Europe, has seriously disturbed the supply of many drugs. This state of affairs should not be allowed to continue for any great length of time. There are both energy and skill enough in this country to manufacture any of the medical products that this country has been in the habit of importing from Germany. This country and Great Britain may feel themselves bound by a code of honor that would compel them to regard a patient as more than a mere "scrap of paper"; but the interests of suffering humanity must not be allowed to go by the wall.

As the government of a country can appropriate for its use any private property under the law of eminent domain, so here all patent rights should be set aside in order that necessary chemical preparations may be produced within our country. There need be no hesitation upon this score. The war may last for a considerable time; and for long after the war is over the conditions may not settle down into the *status quo ante*, and there may not be a resumption of trade relationships with Germany. In the meantime Canadians should manufacture what they require.

TRUE DEEDS OF HEROISM.

We are not going to discuss what courage is. Many learned theories have been advanced, but the one we are concerned with for the moment is that members of the medical and nursing professions have exposed themselves to extreme danger in the discharge of their duties.

Army surgeons have gone into the trenches of the allies in order to render first aid to the wounded, and have suffered heavily for their bravery and devotion to duty. Nurses have on many occasions remained at their posts within the range of the enemy's fire, and have attended