

## THE COMING MEDICAL LEGISLATION.

Do not take too much for granted. All that is recommended in Judge Hodgins' report may not become law. Some of the Commissioners' recommendations are objectionable, while very many of them are excellent. In another portion of this issue we give the statement placed in the hands of the Government by the Ontario Medical Association as voicing the views of the profession as a whole. To the various sections we invite careful consideration.

Some were in favour of a clause that strongly condemned the appointment of a medical director. Some others thought that it would not be wise to express our opinion too pronouncedly against such an innovation. We do not hesitate to say that we believe that such an appointment is uncalled for, and would urge upon the profession to use its influence with the members of the Legislature in opposition to the creation of any such office. We are firmly convinced that no one could be found who would be able to perform the many duties that are to be assigned to the said officer. Then the appointment of such an officer would lead to endless friction, if he attempted to do his duty. Further, it would lead to a needless expenditure of money. But it should also be borne in mind that the duties laid down for the Medical Director can be all performed by the Provincial Board of Health, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Inspector of Hospitals, the new Council for Nurses, and the Universities, by properly apportioning the work among these bodies. Why, then, any more machinery?

The "irregulars" are busy. They appeared before the Government in force, and advanced many "arguments" that were the merest rant. The talk about the merits of chiropraxy was enough to give one disease of the "spine," and require a good "toggle" to put things right again. But it must not be allowed to rest there. The medical men throughout the Province must insist on correct views as to what this hideous thing called chiropractic is. It is nothing short of monstrous to assert that 95 per cent. of all diseases are caused by some spinal displacement. It is absolutely untrue.

When Osteopathy put up its case, one prominent osteopath declared that the regular medical profession did not know "true anatomy and physiology," and that the professors of these subjects in the medical colleges did not know how to teach them properly. The contention put forth was that the functions and uses of the organs and parts of the body were not taught; indeed, were not really understood by these teachers. This would make old Autolyceus feel ashamed of his impudence.

Then the plea of the Christian Scientists was that they did not practice medicine in any sense. They trusted to prayer. If one takes