

The foregoing reasons are ample to justify every member of the House of Commons in supporting the establishment of a Department of Health.

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#### THE SELLING OR GIVING OR NARCOTICS.

One can hardly imagine anything more revolting than that a member of the medical profession should be guilty of selling narcotics to victims of these drugs. A few instances of this have been reported, but most fortunately, and to the credit of the medical profession, they have been very few. They should entirely disappear. Looked at from the monetary point of view, a doctor cannot hope to make anything worthy the name by such a course. Why, then, run the risk of professionally discrediting himself?

The law now in the United States is very severe on all who use such drugs as morphine, cocaine, etc., and equally severe on all who sell them to "dopers." It makes no difference whether the vendor be a druggist, a doctor, or a private citizen, it is a criminal offence these drugs to a habitué.

The whole business of selling these drugs to any one must be put down. From this out we hope that no member of the medical profession will have his name connected with such a disgraceful traffic. If it should transpire in the course of events that any doctor does so forget himself as to sell such drugs, he should be at once dropped from the ranks of the profession. Every association and court of law would uphold such a course.

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#### THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

This association will meet in the Medical Building, Toronto, on 31st May. The session will be one of three days' duration. The gathering should be a large one. No doubt the war has drawn from the numbers who usually attend the annual meetings of this association, but willing volunteers should be found to take their places. This is an opportunity that should appeal to those who in the past may not have been so active as others. Every one can do his bit, and one of the most useful of the ways of doing this is to be a sympathetic and attentive listener, or supporter of anything good and useful that may be up for consideration.

An excellent programme has been arranged, which reflects credit on the committee. We do not wish to disparage any of the splendid