

ed members of fraternal orders was taken as a basis of pay for doctors under the National Insurance Bill. But worse, the medical profession in Britain now is put very largely under the denomination of these societies in the carrying out of the terms of the Act.

In this country the same thing will repeat itself. These societies are taught now that for a dollar or so per member they can secure medical attendance for a year. This whole question of contract practice should be at once abandoned. It is impossible to mix a profession and a trade in the same person.

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### VESTED RIGHTS.

It is easy to create a vested right, but very hard to do away with it. This is the case with the osteopaths and the chiropractors, and all such like. When any of these have been in practice for some time they cry out, "We have been in practice and have not been violating any law, and now should be left alone."

When the Medical Bill was before the Ontario Legislature last session these arguments were advanced. The legal advisor of the Osteopaths took the position that they had been following their practice for some years and had not violated any law, and, therefore, had a vested right, and should not be disturbed.

The legal advisor for the Chiropractors said, "We wish to be left alone, we are asking for no legislation, and do not wish anyone to interfere with us." In a few years they will say what the Osteopaths said, namely, that we have now a vested right.

In Toronto, on a certain street, may be read the sign "Osteopathic Physician." This is branching out some. In few years he will claim a vested right in the title, and all the others will follow suit.

A short time ago, a chiropractor, writing to a newspaper, stated that paralysis, such as that following diphtheria, was caused by nerves being out of their places, and that by proper manipulation they were put back again and the diphtheritic paralysis then disappeared. But the sad part of it is that people with such views undertake to treat people.

The time has come when the universities, the medical council and the medical profession should unite in an effort to secure such an Act as will safeguard the people. Let him who wishes to practice medicine qualify.