

world to some extent. In surgery we are yet watching experimental renal decapsulation. In Toronto, Ontario, and Canada, the most noticeable item is the impetus given to the idea of a large hospital in connection with Toronto University Medical Faculty.

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Last year the doctor loomed large in politics. The reason is not far to seek; there have been so many general elections. Of course he has a right to be there the same as any other citizen, but politics have ruined many a man's practice; and it is easier to get into politics than it is to get into practice. Politics is never a very clean game, and most doctors who have been in it or who are in it would be better had they never had anything to do with it. A man must, however, take upon himself the duties of citizenship, and if his natural bent lies in this direction, if he has a taste for public life, and assumes the trust without the "graft" idea buzzing in his bonnet, he should be upheld and supported by both those within and without the profession who desire to see clean men in public life to-day. But too often, probably, the profession looks askance at the doctor-politician, in many cases without just cause. His motives are impugned, probably justly, probably unjustly. No doubt all classes of the community should be represented in the legislature, and the doctor ought to be a very important member of that body. Their number is not at any times large when they get into parliament, and wherever one appears in the political race, we think he ought to have the earnest support of the profession to which he belongs.

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Some one has recently been recommending that all bread be delivered in a paper bag. The idea is a good one, but we are afraid that public sentiment is scarcely educated up to that mark yet. Another good, if not better, thing would be the prohibition of fruits and berries in open shop windows in summertime, catching all the dust and dirt blowing off the street on a windy day. Still another matter ought to receive attention at the hands of the health authorities: the prohibition of chunks of ice on the side-