

WHY ARE THE AUTOS OF PHYSICIANS "HELD UP" DAILY BY THE POLICE?

THAT the men who have given their best years to the study of the saving of life, and their hours unstintingly to the service of suffering humanity, should, when suspected of breaking the Speed By-law, be treated as ruffians going on a joy ride is a disgrace to the police system of a city the size of Toronto.

The physicians of this fair city *are gentlemen*, and, by courtesy, servants of the public, but *not serfs under Russian rule*. If, on going to a case where perhaps death seems imminent, a doctor exceeds the ten-mile limit or takes a shorter turn of a corner by a quarter of an inch, he is summoned to the Police Court, and there, when giving a true and proper explanation of the circumstances, he is interrupted by a police inspector who seems to have more than his share of assurance, and adds, uninvited, his opinion, and gives it in spite of the magistrate presiding over the court. Whether this inspector is to be taken seriously or just as a preacher values the family parrot when it swears him out of the house, after just adding a saintly "Amen" to his prayer, is a subject worthy of discussion. It has been stated by several medical men who during the past few months have been summoned for supposed infraction of the Motor By-law, that a certain police official of Irish extraction has seemingly taken it upon himself to *not only prosecute* (one doctor said "persecute"),