

vendor might be allowed the full quantity of ten gallons, while one near a vendor might be restricted to a lesser quantity.

These changes in the act will do much to clear the atmosphere, and surround the traffic with safeguards to the profession and the people.

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### A FEDERAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

There seems now no doubt but that the Parliament of Canada will enact legislation that will create a department for the purpose of guiding the health interests of the country. The exact terms of the bill are not yet made known.

The effect of such legislation will be very great, and most valuable. In due time it will have a unifying effect on the health laws of the several provinces, each will endeavor to fall into line with the national practice in the matter of public health.

But there are some topics of vital interest that can only be handled by a federal department. Then, further, the health laws of the provinces must sometimes be implemented by a national act to become fully effective for good.

Such a measure should receive the support of the medical profession of the country. We have pointed out on many occasions that there is no way in which the country can invest money that will yield such a splendid return.

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### A GREAT GIFT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Sir John and Lady Eaton have announced their intention of giving to the University of Toronto \$25,000 a year for a period of 20 years, for the purpose of aiding the department of medicine. It is stipulated that some one must be chosen to give his whole time to the department of medicine and another to give half time to the department of pediatrics. When these changes come into effect the results will be far-reaching, and the future students will be decided gainers thereby. It is most encouraging to see the generous spirit developing in this country.

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### OPTOMETRY

In another part of this issue we publish the proposed bill to regulate the practice of optometry. We would advise a careful study of its various clauses. The danger in this sort of legislation is that a similar bill may be introduced some time to regulate osteopathy, and the result will be the creation of a number of quasi professions. This would be a disaster.