

In dealing with the question of illicit selling of narcotics Mr. Graham gave a great deal of attention to the morphine and cocaine "fiends." He stated that large quantities of drugs were being peddled to them by agents, who had secret ways of securing the drugs, and who retailed their goods to those addicted to their use at special places of meeting, and in this way avoided detection.

Mr. Graham stated that he had paid a great deal of attention to this traffic, and after a thorough investigation found that it was not being sold by druggists to these peddlers. He found that even in some wholesale houses there were quantities of narcotics not accounted for which were apparently sold to some person.

In advocating a method to stamp out this trade the speaker suggested that the administration of the narcotic trade be placed in the hands of a Dominion Government inspector who would have authority to demand the books of every merchant handling narcotics of any description. In the opinion of the speaker the Act itself was wide enough to cover every phase of the illicit trade, but that the administration of it was poor.

A suggestion was brought before the meeting by Mr. J. H. MacKenzie, of North Toronto, that the entire supply of cocaine for the Dominion be handled only by the Federal Government, and that they wholesale it among the druggists, while Chief Analyst McGill, of the Dominion Government, at Montreal, was in favor of granting the Provincial inspectors authority from the Dominion Government to watch the sale of the drugs.

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#### PATIENTS IN THE TORONTO HOSPITALS.

On a certain date recently there were 400 patients in the General Hospital, 283 in St. Michael's Hospital, 218 in the Western Hospital, and 74 in Grace Hospital. This gives a total of 975, while the capacity of these institutions is about 1,300, leaving a margin of a little over three hundred unoccupied beds on the date referred to.

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#### THOMAS DOVER.

PHYSICIAN AND CIRCUMNAVIGATOR.

Thomas Dover, M.B., the inventor of "Dover's powder," who in his day had a notable reputation for treating many diseases by large doses of mercury until he earned the title among less successful practitioners of the "Quicksilver doctor," has been well known since the