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## **EDITORIAL**

## THE MEDICAL COMMISSION.

The report of the Medical Commissioner, Mr. Justice Hodgins, has been printed, and copies may be obtained by members of the medical profession. We have endeavored in the May and the present issues of *The Canada Lancet* to give an impartial review of the essential features of the report.

We would urge upon every member of the profession securing a copy of the report and studying it with much care. There are good reasons for thinking that at an early date the Medical Act will undergo a thorough recasting. Now is the time for the medical profession to act.

#### GERMAN BRUTALITY

Of late many examples of the great lengths to which the German soldiers have gone in their acts of brutality have been brought to light. There are not lacking evidences to show that the German doctors and surgeons have been guilty of some of the foulest acts against humanity ever recorded in the pages of history. For long after this war is over they should be treated as outcasts from the world's profession and compelled to consort with themselves. Their conduct admits of no defence, and the only thing that can be said of it is what the wretched King Richard III. said of himself: "Let hell make crooked my mind to answer it."

### THE BRAVERY OF THE NURSE.

It must have sent a thrill through the veins of all when the accounts came over the cable that the Germans had bombed a Canadian hospital in France, and to read that some of the Canadian nurses had been injured, and one, a Miss McDonald, of Brantford, had been killed. The evidence goes to show that the Germans knew this was a hospital, and,