

be in the minority, and they mistrust the undiluted societies still more.

The British Medical Association, through its State Sickness Insurance Committee, is now pledging members to resign from club and lodge practice and not to accept appointments under this Act. They are taking this step to offset Mr. Lloyd George, who has practically used all sorts of threats, as well as flattery and invective, to bring the medical profession to his feet, and thus to the feet of the friendly societies.

This, of course, is very serious business. It is practically the employment of the trade union boycott, and is forced upon the profession by a man who will go the whole length in seeing his ends accomplished.

This bill degrades the honorable status of the medical profession, does away with the independent medical man in part, and makes many the mere hired employe of the State.

The Bill and the trouble therewith directs attention to the evils of lodge practice more than anything occurring in the last quarter of a century.

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### CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

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The forty-fifth annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association will be held at Edmonton August 10th to 14th. It is expected that the first day, being Saturday, will be devoted to business. The scientific part of the programme will begin on Monday and occupy the three days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. At the conclusion of the meeting the G. T. P. offers an excursion to the famous Yellow Head Pass.

While it was at first thought that one day of the meeting should be spent in Calgary, that idea has been abandoned. A visit to Calgary may precede or follow the meeting in Edmonton. Everything goes to show that a splendid programme of papers will be ready, and the proverbial hospitality of the West is shown in the numerous arrangements already made for the amusement and the comfort of the visiting members.

As to railway rates, the standard convention certificate plan will be in force from all points in Canada, that is, the rate will be single fare plus 25c. for the return trip. Members are urged to ask from their local station agent for the standard convention certificate, which will be honored for ticket for return trip. It is neces-