

Urinary calculi can generally be readily detected by the sound or cystoscope. As there is an element of danger in this method, the X-ray might readily, with great benefit, be employed in determining stone in the bladder or urethra. Large stones can be detected easily; smaller ones, owing to the bones of the pelvis obscuring the field, not so readily.

Were a General Practitioner appointed chief oculist to the Toronto General Hospital, or some other general hospital, one can imagine the meek manner such appointment would be received by the oculists, the specialists already on the staff, men who by special study and training had qualified themselves to treat people with diseases of the eye. We question whether any general practitioner would have either the gall or self-conceit to accept such position, even though a salary of two thousand dollars and free light and fuel accompanied the appointment. Only into the realm of psychiatry can a general practitioner jump at a moment's notice and at once be a specialist, without any special training or education, except that received in the ranks of a political party, in a political caucus, or on the back township concession lines. What a great training ground the political field is for putting forth alienists simply by the falling of the politician's magical wand. Are the assistants in the various provincial hospitals for the insane in Ontario, some of whom for fifteen or twenty years or more, have made a specialty of psychiatric practice, undeserving of promotion, or are they of such meagre calibre, that the government fails to fulfil its bounden duty to its unfortunate wards, and prefers to place at the heads of the several institutions in the province, general practitioners who lately, and in the past, have taken "a prominent part on the Conservative side of politics." What is the Ontario Medical Council doing, what is the Ontario Medical Association doing, what is the Hospital Association doing, what are the Psychiatrists themselves doing, that this nefarious and altogether ridiculous, if not inhuman practice, is allowed to continue to prevail? To place a general practitioner-politician over the heads of skilled, trained men in this department of medicine is downright scandalous, yes, silly. For a general practitioner-politician, or even a plain ordinary general practitioner, to accept such a position over the heads of specialists is proof positive that he has no clear conception of honor and common decency. The people of Ontario should demand of the government, competent and trained men at the heads of its provincial hospital service, certainly not men whose best and only qualification is that the appointee has taken a prominent part in Conservative or Liberal politics. It is not necessary to here state what special appointment this time we are driving at.