

striking tribute to the deeds of the Canadians who have responded to the call of the Motherland.

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

The working out of this act has proven very unsatisfactory from the standpoint of the medical profession. This feeling led to the matter being opened up on two or three interviews before the Premier, Sir William Hearst, and Attorney General, Mr. Lucas. At these interviews the manufacturers, the workmen, and the medical profession were represented.

All know that as the act now stands, there is no provision for the payment of the surgeon's fees. It was felt that this ought to be remedied. The manufacturers submitted a scheme whereby the doctor would be guaranteed up to \$50, and that the period for which should have a claim on such an amount should not exceed 45 days. They also contended that there should be an absolute waiting period of fourteen days during which the workman would not be entitled to any compensation, other than the medical attendance as set forth in the manufacturers' scheme.

The workmen objected to this plan, as it took away from them more than it gave in return; and, further, that it took from the workers the right to select their own medical and surgical attendants.

The doctors objected to it because it introduced the vicious system of contract practice, as each industrial concern would make an arrangement with some one to do the attendance, and this introduced the system of bargain making with the members of the profession. Further, they objected that the limit of \$50 was too low as many cases ran into lengthy periods, and called for a great deal of care and many visits. The doctors contended that their accounts should be paid by the commission, and not by the employer. The contention of the doctors is quite fair and reasonable and should be met by the government in a fair and reasonable manner.

The Premier promised to give the arguments that had been presented careful consideration. The medical profession should watch this matter, and follow up any legislation that may be introduced. The medical profession is not without its influence, and this is one of the occasions when that influence should be made use of.

MAINTAIN THE STANDARD.

The time will soon come when some important amendments will be