

16. Any person may be prosecutor or complainant under this Act, or under the Act hereby amended; provided always that every prosecution under this Act and the Act amended thereby, shall be commenced within one year from the date of the alleged offence.

17. This Act shall be read as part of the Act hereby amended.

AID TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

The Honorable member for Norfolk, Dr. Clarke, has been engaged during his spare moments since the session commenced in visiting the various charitable institutions, hospitals, poor-houses, &c., and eliciting information regarding the working of these institutions, with a view to establish them on a more liberal and permanent basis. He has asked for and obtained a parliamentary committee to take the following matters into consideration. The committee consists of the following gentlemen: Hon. Messrs. Blake and Gow, Messrs. Guest and Williams, Drs. Baxter, Wilson, Clarke, and Boulter. The Hon. Mr. McKenzie has also promised to bring in a Bill next Session, based on the report of this committee. The objects aimed at are as follows:—
 1st. To place the various hospitals on a better financial basis.
 2nd. To render it imperative upon counties or groups of counties to establish hospitals, and to provide accommodation for the maintenance of the chronic insane, and imbecile.
 3rd. To establish a permanent Provincial Sanitary Board, or board of health, to which all reports on epidemic and other diseases shall be referred; and
 4th. To establish one or more inebriate asylums, &c.

In reference to the above matter, the suggestions and opinions of the medical profession and others are earnestly solicited, and will receive every attention. We hope the honorable gentleman may be successful in his efforts; and we have no doubt that the profession here and throughout the country will lend him every assistance and support in his important inquiries, and warmly second his efforts in the direction above indicated. The Toronto General Hospital will come in for a share of the honorable gentleman's attention, and probably no other institution in the Province is more in want of assistance than this. At present, though capable of accommodating 300 patients,