

There are drugs in the market to-day, and reputable physicians are ordering them freely for their patients, on which the profits to the manufacturer are over 2,000 per cent.

Truly the doctor is much more wanton with his patient's purse, and a much more tolerant member of society than the average citizen.

Let a manufacturer of machinery, a railroad company, or one of the so-called combines, charge the public an exorbitant profit like this, and an outraged community would applaud the mob if it battered in the doors and windows of these establishments. All countries are interested alike in this matter. If we cannot reach the extortioners by professional restrictions, legislative measures can be adopted to tax the output at the point of manufacture, on a scale to be determined when the difference between its cost and selling price shall have been ascertained.

Before closing, I ask your undivided attention to a subject which is of paramount importance to the medical profession as individuals, to the profession as a local organization, to the profession as a national entity, and to its relations with other countries which have adopted a curriculum consistent with the scientific discoveries of the age.

A DOMINION STANDARD.

You are all aware of the anomalous condition of the medical profession in the Dominion, inasmuch as a graduate of one province cannot legally practice medicine in any of the others. Each province has closed its doors and erected itself into a close corporation. The individual doctor says, "This territory is mine. I have, at great expense of time and money, conformed to the high standard required by law, and I must be protected against the man who has been 'pitchforked' into the profession." And who is prepared to deny the force of this argument? But, on the other hand, who will deny that if we are to command the respect of our sister provinces, and of the profession outside of them, *we should be as one among ourselves*. The subject has been threshed out pretty thoroughly in the medical journals and by the Medical Council, but as far as I can see there is no earnest effort being put forth to solve the difficulty.

I think I am within the facts when I state that the standard of qualification is higher in Ontario than it is in any other province in Canada, or any State of the Union ; and, while we feel justly proud of this eminent position, you have not failed to notice that it