

CANADIAN DOCTORS IN THE ARMY.

The British War Office has issued a statement of its willingness to accept Canadian doctors for service in the Royal Army Medical Corps. The terms are 24 shillings a day and rations, or an allowance in lieu of rations. Thirty pounds are granted for an outfit and seven pounds for a kit. Sixty pounds of a gratuity will be paid at the end of the war, and free passage to England.

It is stated in the circular that doctors from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec will be eligible; or doctors in other Provinces who may be registered in these Provinces. Ontario now has reciprocity with Britain and practitioners of Ontario should therefore be able to qualify.

To join the Canadian Army Medical Corps, which is one of the necessary conditions of enlistment for service abroad, the following qualifications are necessary: The applicant must be a British subject; he must be recommended by the officer commanding, and the assistant director of medical services of the division or district; he must be certified as medically fit for service; must be of an age under 45 years (the War Office limit, however, is placed at 40); must be a practitioner registered in the Dominion or one of the Provinces.

In order to overcome the difficulty presented by the lack of reciprocity with the English authorities in the matter of registration, as is the condition at present in some Provinces of the Dominion, the circular points out that the War Office states it is willing to accept Canadian university graduates registered in Canada, provided the Provincial Medical Boards which do not already reciprocate with the General Medical Council, express a desire for reciprocity with the Council. This course, it is pointed out, must be taken in relation to the General Medical Council, otherwise the law forbids acceptance, and Provincial Medical Boards are reminded that until this is done many medical practitioners in their districts are ineligible. To avoid delay, the circular advises that notification of a desire for reciprocal relations with the General Medical Council should be made by cable.

CARE OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

In the midst of the heavy responsibilities resting upon all of us at the present moment, we must not overlook the immediate needs that lie around us for our own people. One of the most urgent of these needs is the providing of proper ways and means of caring for the feeble-minded.