

throughout the year in conducting the work of the Association and it is hoped that the incoming Executive may receive the same hearty support which has been extended throughout the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. President:

The Committee on Legislation and By-laws has given very careful consideration to a number of matters that appeared to it to be of much importance both to the people and the medical profession of this Province, and beg to lay before you the results of its deliberations. It is only by arriving at a clear conception of what is the best course to pursue and then pressing forward this conclusion, that any real progress can be made. A united profession seeking the welfare of the public should prove irresistible.

THE CARE OF THE MENTALLY DEFECTIVE AND THE FEEBLE MINDED.

During 1919, Hon. Mr. Justice Frank E. Hodgins submitted his report on this subject. His report is a very elaborate one containing 236 pages. The questions discussed in the report are (1) Why the Feeble Minded are a State Problem; (2) Danger of Exaggeration; (3) Prevention—its hopefulness; (4) Need for Change of Attitude and Early Diagnosis; (5) Need for Information and Scientific Treatment; (6) Delinquency—Statistics from Gaols, etc.; (7) Supervision; (8) Definition and Discussion of Feeble-Mindedness; (9) Feeble-Mindedness and the Law; (10) Formulating a Scheme; (11) Classes Needing Attention; (12) Institutions Needed; (13) Important Results of Industrial Training; (14) Building and Colonies and their Equipment; (15) Schools; (16) Juvenile Courts; (17) Distribution of Cost as Between Government and Municipality; (18) Degenerate Settlements; (19) Marriage; (20) Immigration and (21) Legislation.

The lengthy examination of these topics is followed by much valuable matter under the captions of Conclusions, Recommendations, Urgent Matters and a number of Appendices bearing upon the subjects under investigation.

It is fitting that the medical profession of this Province should express itself in terms of unqualified approval of the very exhaustive and