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THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Ontario Medical Association will be held in Toronto this year, on 28th, 29th, and 30th May. It is announced that Sir St. Clair Thompson will give an address. It is expected that a number of prominent members of the profession in the United States will be present, and contribute to the programme. This Association should be well supported, as it has a long and splendid record to look back upon, and a brilliant future ahead of it.

LIQUOR AND THE TEMPERANCE ACT.

Hon. W. D. McPherson introduced into the Legislature, recently, a bill to amend the Ontario Temperance Act. The outstanding features are that the Commissioners are authorized to take over the liquor traffic. This should lead to two results: a guarantee of quality and a reasonable price. As liquor is sold now only for medicinal purposes the profiteering feature should disappear, and the quality should be the very best.

Under the amended act the vendor may hold the doctor's prescription for such time as will enable enquiry to be made that the signature is that of the prescribing doctor. This is intended to check the custom of bogus orders. It is also provided that if the prescription is bogus, or was obtained in an irregular way, or that the liquor will be used by some one else than the person for whom it was prescribed, the person presenting such an order may be arrested by any officer of the law without warrant. It is also made an offense for any one who obtains a prescription to sell or transfer it to any other person for said person's use. For such an offense a fine of \$50 to \$300 is fixed.

The amount of liquor a doctor may keep for dispensing purposes will be fixed by Order-in-Council. Thus a doctor who is far from a