

## DOCTORS SAY THEIR INTERESTS WILL SUFFER THROUGH CLAUSES OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL

Report Presented by Committee of Academy of Medicine Complains That No Provision is Made for Payment of Physician's Fee in Cases of Accident or Industrial Disease.

At a largely-attended meeting of the Academy of Medicine of Ontario, called to consider a report of a sub-committee appointed to deal with the workmen's compensation bill, now before parliament, in so far as it affects the interests of the medical profession, its chairman, Dr. Bruce L. Riordan, read the report. It dealt exhaustively with the various phases of the act as applicable to the present, and pointed out how the existing rights of the profession to have their services treated as part of the damages recoverable have been taken away, while no fund is provided out of which those who care for the injured are to be paid, and medical men are barred from ranking on the sums awarded for compensation, these being expressly exempted from all claims of every kind. Suggestions as to the proper remedy were made.

The recommendations made in the report were unanimously adopted, a call sent out to the medical men of the province to appoint delegates to wait on the government, and G. G. S. Lindsey, K. C., appointed counsel to present the academy's views.

The committee's report was as follows: As the author of a motion at the last meeting of the Academy of Medicine, March 2, 1914, which was carried unanimously I have been asked by the president to introduce the subject of the motion to the Academy now present. The committee then appointed, have been supplied with a copy of the proposed act entitled, "Laws Relating to the Liability of Employers to Make Compensation to Their Employees." I presume other members present have looked over the proposed bill. We are now assembled to consider the bearing such an act would have on the rights and interests of the medical profession of Ontario, and to take such action as this academy deems necessary. First, I would draw your attention to the reason given for the proposed act. The basic principle is that the industries causing the accident and injury to the employee or employees should bear the cost of such injury, and that the injured employee or his family or friends or the municipality or state should not be put to the expense of caring for such a person.

**Injured Man Must Pay.** By the proposed act the injured person is to bear the cost of his outlay for medical and surgical treatment or other necessities (page 15, Sir W. R. Meredith's second interim report addressed to the lieutenant governor of Ontario, October, 1913).

Under the present existing Employers' Compensation Act, the medical or surgical expenses become a part of the award of the claimant's account for an award from the court for his injuries. Section 35 is the only reference made to compensation to the medical profession under the proposed act. The section reads: "Where a workman leaves no dependants, such sum as the board may deem reasonable for expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to his persons to whom such expenses are due." The list of possible dependants includes (members of the family, M. para 24, report) M. "Members of the family" shall include his wife, his children, his mother, his grandmother, his grandfather, his father, his brother, his sister, his half-brother, and a person standing in loco parentis to the workman, whether related to him by consanguinity or not, and where the workman is a married man, his child shall include such child, and where the workman is a single man, his child shall include his parents and grandparents.

**Physician's Chance Small.** The medical man's chance of being paid anything under this clause seems very remote. The physicians are especially interested in the industrial disease schedule, paragraph 56, section 96, which reads (1) where a workman suffers from an industrial disease and is thereby disabled from earning full wages at the work at which he was employed, or his death is caused by an industrial disease and disease is due to the nature of any employment in which he was engaged at any time within twelve months previous to the date of his death, his dependants, or one or more dependants, the workman or his dependants shall be entitled to compensation as if the disease were a personal injury by accident and the death were the happening of the accident, subject to the modifications hereinafter mentioned, unless at the time of entering into the employment he had wilfully and falsely represented himself in writing as not having previously suffered from disease.

**Industrial Diseases.** Industrial diseases are as follows: Anthrax (handling of wool, hair, bristles and skins). Lead poisoning or its

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suits of malpractice, if the patient is not satisfied with the results secured in his case. Our present rights to be paid for our services as part of the damages recoverable are taken away under the Employers' Liability Act now in force, and under the common law.

**Half-Measures Bad.** Sir W. R. Meredith says in his report to the lieutenant-governor, October, 1913: "In these days of social and industrial unrest, it is in my judgment of the gravest importance to the community that every proved injustice to any section of the community should be promptly removed by the enactment of remedial legislation, and that deservedly, the blessing of industrial peace and freedom from social unrest. Half-measures, which mitigate but do not remove injustice, are, in my judgment, to be avoided." We think this should be applied to the medical profession.

A committee was appointed two years ago this last February to present the views of the medical profession to the legislature as to the effect of the proposed legislation would have on the medical profession. We have a copy of the letter sent asking for a hearing and an acknowledgment of its receipt from the secretary of the commission. No appointment was granted.

**No Politics.** Before considering the proposed act, the gentlemen present and the other members of the medical profession of Ontario that there is no politics in this movement, that we are actuated solely by a desire to present our views to the proper authorities, so that the interest of the registered members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario be not overlooked before this proposed act becomes law.

When I say that the people of this province, including all classes, owe a debt of gratitude to Sir Wm. Meredith for his work as commissioner, and pointed to investigate and recommend a just and economical means of compensating employees who have been injured. The fund of information which he has collected and his judicial opinions will be of inestimable value.

**An Amendment Proposed.** We would propose to amend the proposed bill, "Laws relating to the Liability of Employers to Make Compensation to Their Employees," to make compensation to their employees for injuries received in the course of their employment, to be amended as follows:

Section 23, sub-section 1, by adding to clause thereof the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 2, by adding thereto the following words: "And a further payment of such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 3, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 4, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 5, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 6, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 7, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 8, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 9, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 10, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 11, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 12, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 13, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 14, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 15, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 16, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 17, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 18, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 19, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 20, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

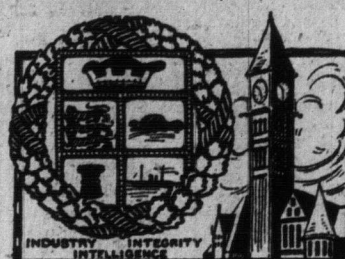
Section 23, sub-section 21, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 22, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

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Section 23, sub-section 24, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."

Section 23, sub-section 25, by adding thereto the following words: "And such sum as the board may deem reasonable for the expenses of his medical attendance and his burial shall be paid to the persons to whom such expenses are due."



## NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

### APPOINTMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS WILL TAKE UP COUNCIL'S TIME

City Plans to Oppose Bill in Legislature to Compel Grant of Water Supply to Overflow Population Beyond Limits—Street Extensions on the Table.

When the motion to adjourn releases the members of the city council from their labors tonight, there will have been considerable business transacted. Among the items on the agenda are the following:

**Annexation of Cedarvale, Forest Hill and Upper Canada College district.** This is a recommendation to oppose a bill in the legislature to compel the city to supply water to the congested areas from the overflow of the city's population. Commissioner Harris reports that the city waterworks plant is large enough only for the city's needs.

**Two Appointments.** Appointment of a purchasing agent, at a salary of \$4500.

**Approval of the appointment of D. W. Wright to the position of general manager of the civic auditor, at a salary of \$2750.** Mr. Wright's friends are trying to have the alderman appointed to the position.

**Kingston road widening.** The works committee recommend that the works and the assessment commissioners be instructed to fix the assessment of cost at 25 per cent. upon the property affected, and 75 per cent. upon the city. The board of control recommends that those instructions to the commissioners be struck out, inasmuch as the commissioners should not be so interfered with.

**Don Crest road extension and widening.** The board of control recommends that this work do not proceed until the assessment is so changed that it will not be a hardship upon the owners of homes there.

**Routine Items.** Extension of Church and Teravale streets, Wilton avenue extension. Widening of Main street and substitution of a subway for the bridge over the railway.

**Rounding the corners of Bay street at Queen street.** Postoffice square. Purchase of David Smellie property.

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## GENERAL GOUGH RETIRED RATHER THAN COMMAND

Was Allowed Only Two Hours in Which to Make Decision.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, March 22.—The Sunday Observer asserts on high authority that General Sir Arthur Paget visited Curragh on Friday and gave General Gough of the third cavalry brigade the option of taking command at Ulster or retiring. General Gough, who was allowed two hours for consideration, resigned immediately.

The Observer says that the government has decided to issue two hundred warrants for the arrest of the leaders in Ulster.

**KINGSTON'S NEW FAIR GROUND.** KINGSTON, March 22.—Ald. R. D. Sutherland has secured an option on the Kingston driving park and will propose that the city take up the option and convert the park into a fair ground and sell the present fair grounds to the highest bidder.

Temporary firehall at North Toronto, to cost \$4500.

Office accommodation at the civic auditor, for men in the dead meat trade. The board of control recommends against it.

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