

*Vitamin E Society of Canada:*

Let me go on, if I may, to say something about the Vitamin E Society of Canada. It aims to assist in professional education. You will observe that in notices of public meetings it published in a Toronto and in an Ottawa paper, there was a line saying "physicians especially invited". It aims to educate the public. It aims to sponsor research. It aims to publish such educational pamphlets as those of the Diabetic group and it hopes to provide some discount on vitamin E to its members, as well as to make suitable representations to the federal government on the import duty of special raw materials.

*Professional Education:*

Now may I speak at further length of its objectives in professional education. Although such a famous journal as the *Lancet* can carry an advertisement by a reputable pharmaceutical house on the use of vitamin E for cardiovascular-renal disease it seems to be impossible for such advertisements to be inserted in the Canadian Medical Association Journal. Remember that this is one of the few ways in which physicians around the country can learn about vitamin E.

I would estimate, for example, that some 85% of the practising physicians in Canada read only the Canadian Medical Association Journal, or this other little journal, which is really a "give-away", *Modern Medicine in Canada*. It is very difficult for the physician to learn about vitamin E in the pages of these journals. Our own articles on the use of vitamin E for heart disease were rejected within six hours of being read by the Editor. In the last six and a half years there has been just one clinical article in the Canadian Medical Association Journal on vitamin E. It was written by two Montreal physicians of good repute. We were left out of the bibliography. We once wrote a letter on this subject to *Modern Medicine in Canada*. Our letter was published, with two paragraphs deleted for some extraordinary reason. These paragraphs contained details of the clinical use and dosage of vitamin E and these remained deleted despite our most emphatic protest. In six and a half years the Canadian Medical Association has forgotten to invite us to discuss our work before the Association. As a matter of fact, it has done more than that. For the last three years it has refused our requests to appear on its programs. This is all the more remarkable since I had twice been invited to appear on that program in the years preceding 1946 (each time mentioning vitamin E) and because we have some standing in the world of Medicine. You may not know now that I am one of the two Canadian members of the British Society of Endocrinology and one of the two Canadian members of the American Society for the Study of Sterility. Indeed, I have been invited to give an address in New York next May at the First World Congress on Fertility and Sterility. I had spoken to county medical societies all over the province on many occasions and had appeared on the program of the Ontario Medical Association and before many American groups and societies on other occasions. It is difficult for the practising physician to learn about vitamin E through the Canadian Medical Association, I conclude.

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