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Probably no member of the Ontarian Legislature could confer a greater benefit on the community than by moving for a commission of enquiry, into the working of the Medical Act, and that of the Vaccination and Inoculation Act.

PORK.

Hundreds of pigs in the environs of Toronto, are habitually fed on the carcasses of horses, and on the mortal remains of any other animal (including swine) that comes within the range of the pigs' caterer ; it is quite immaterial whether the deceased quadrupeds died of consumption, or any other form of disease, as porkers are not epicures. As it is probable that a reciprocity treaty will be established between the pig-feeders and the dog, cat, and rat-catchers, persons who may lose their pugs, their Skye-terriers, or their tabbies, if they should be doomed never again to see their favorites *under* their table, have yet a prospect of having them served up in the transformed condition of pork chops. In grateful recognition of the support rendered by the swine to the doctors, the least the profession can do is to depict them as supporters to their coat of arms.

THE HOSPITAL—TORONTO.

Perhaps it might be beneficial to the patients in the above-named institution, if the Doctors' instructions with regard to the administering of medicine were carried out within a fortnight of the said instructions being given.

Of 135 forms of disease described by Prof. Eberle,* of the Allopathic school of medicine, in his "Theory and practice of medicine," the Professor states that 42 are traceable to the medicines used to cure them. Dr. Dunglison, the standard authority of the Allopaths, in his "Theory and practice of medicine," traces 30 forms of disease to the following remedies (?)—Mercury, lead, arsenic, tobacco, blood-letting, ergot, *i.e.*, spurred rye, copper, antimony, cantharides, or Spanish fly, opium, nux vomica, strychnia, Brucia, alcohol, and acupuncture.

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