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EDITORIAL.

A SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST TORONTO CORONERS

The Undertakers' Gazette (Nov., 1900), contains an article which reflects in the most serious manner on the honor of the coroners of Toronto. It reads as follows:—"There is an undertone of dissatisfaction among some of the undertakers of Toronto over the fact that the coroners are not above accepting a bribe, and many of *the profession* (italics are ours) are not above giving one. An instance was cited to us only the other day where a coroner came to one of the leading undertakers and in a very suave manner indicated his willingness to hand cases over to him for about five dollars a head. We will not repeat verbatim the reply he received, but, although rather forcible, it was little more than he deserved. Bribery is bribery, no matter where or under what circumstances it occurs, and the undertaker who countenances this kind of thing is just as much a rogue as the coroner who accepts the money. The very fact that there is such fear evidenced on the part of those who follow this practice that anyone will find it out is proof enough of what they them-