

usefulness in their calling and can exclude the unfit from their ranks without further powers;

5. And whereas, opticians have been and are tradesmen and buy and sell and advertise like other merchants; and are not entitled to be recognized as a profession any more than the makers and vendors of artificial limbs, who follow a similar calling;

Therefore, resolved, that the members of the Section of Ophthalmology and Oto-laryngology of the Academy of Medicine are strongly opposed to the proposed legislation sought by certain opticians as not being in the public interest, especially where power is granted to confer a license or certificate which may give even inferentially the right to use such titles as "Doctor of Optics," "Doctor of Optometry," "Doctor of Ophthalmology," "Eye Specialist," "Eyesight Specialist," which quasi-degrees mislead and impose upon the public as they do not necessarily indicate any skill and confer no professional privileges such as medical practitioners alone enjoy.

DEFINITION OF THE "PRACTICE OF MEDICINE."

The term "medicine" shall include any science, plan, method or system with or without the use of drugs or appliances, and whether now deemed to be included therein, or not, for diagnosing, prescribing for, preventing, alleviating, treating or curing human disorders, illness, diseases, ailments, pain, wounds, suffering, injury, defect or deformity affecting the human body or any part thereof, or its physical or mental condition, or believed or imagined so to do, including midwifery and the administration of anæsthetics; and the manipulation of any kind of treatment whatsoever suggested, prescribed or advised, for body or mind, administered to, operated upon, or followed by, the patient himself or herself, or in behalf of another person, intended or professing immediately or ultimately to benefit the patient.

Any person who shall attach to his or her name or shall use the title M.D., M.B., D.O., D.O.S., Surgeon, Doctor, Physician, Healer, Professor, Ophthalmologist, Oculist or Aurist, Eye Specialist, Eyesight Specialist, Doctor of Ophthalmology, Doctor of Optometry, Doctor of Optics or of Optical Science, Ophthalmic Doctor, Specialist, or any other letters, sign, or appellation in a medical sense, shall be considered as "practising medicine."

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario opened on Tuesday, June 27th.