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FIRST AID.

Dr. Hodgetts who is now director of the St. John's Ambulance for Canada in an address before the Chief Constables Association urged that ambulance classes be established in each police force. The strange thing to our mind is that every police officer is not compelled to take a "First Aid" course, and pass all examinations in it before he is fully qualified for his position. We once saw the sorry spectacle of a young girl, who was passing at the time of the accident, rendering first aid to a man who had fractured his leg in a motor car smash up, while the policeman stood helplessly looking on. Surely it is not too much to ask that our guardians of the law know the rudiments of "First Aid" when a course can be completed in six lessons.

Some of the chiefs of police forces we came in contact with at their Montreal meeting made a "First Aid" certificate a condition of employment, others, we found, were handicapped in the appointments of their staffs, consequently they could not enforce the condition; but all the chiefs were heartily in favour of every man on a police force being compelled to know how to render "First Aid."

As an indication of the splendid specimens of manhood that go to make up the police chiefs of Canada, the four principal officers of the Chief Constables Association, ex-president Whatley (Hamilton) President Thompson (Windsor) Vice-President Belanger (Montreal) and 2nd Vice-President Rae (Winnipeg) is each well over six feet in height and broad in proportion, and Secretary-Treasurer Slein (Brantford) is about 5 feet 10 inches.