

present accommodation. When the war is over these new buildings would be valuable assets for the future, and would for many a year meet the needs of the country, which will become more and more densely peopled.

The only valid objection that can be advanced against this plan is that it would be some time before these new buildings could be ready. But this can be met by energy. It does not take long to put up a solid brick and cement fireproof building. The will to win is the real secret of success. When the advantages and disadvantages of the several plans are compared, we feel that the balance is in favor of new buildings.

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

The medical profession know that this Act was in a most unsatisfactory form as it was first enacted. The surgeon stood a very poor chance of being paid. During the past winter the need for some amendments to the Act was taken up, and several medical organizations gave much attention to the matter. Among these may be mentioned the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Ontario Medical Association, and the Academy of Medicine.

The whole question was very fully argued out before the Premier, Sir William Hearst, and the Attorney-General, Mr. Lucas. As the result of these efforts and interviews, the Act has been amended so that the medical attendant is now paid for the first thirty days of illness. The hospitals and nurses are also paid. The medical attendant is paid by the Commission, so that the doctor has nothing to do with either workman or employer, so far as his bill is concerned.

It will at once be seen that these amendments are worth much to the profession, but they did not come without an effort. This, however, shows the value of organization. We urge upon the medical profession to keep up an active campaign looking to the forthcoming medical legislation.

THE CARE OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

The agitation that has gone on for proper care of this class is now becoming aged; but the ardor of the workers is not abated. It was hoped that the Legislature last session would have granted legislation that would have gone far towards meeting the situation. This hope was doomed to meet with keen disappointment.

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