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## EDITORIAL

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### A MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

In the Report on Medical Education in Ontario, prepared by Mr. Justice Hodgins, after hearing much evidence and making extensive investigations, will be found on pages 64 and 73 what is said regarding the creation of a new office, and the duties that are to be assigned to it. The person who is to perform the duties set forth on the pages cited is to be called a Medical Director. Now, let us look into the duties that are to be relegated to him.

(1) *Fees*.—Mr. Justice Hodgins, on page 64, states thus: "I think it would be decidedly in the interest of the public if the Government would attach to the Department of Education a physician of experience to advise them and to direct attention to matters that will be urgent very shortly, as well as those which are now pressing."

This very definite statement follows upon a somewhat lengthy discussion of the question of medical, surgical and dental fees, beginning on page 62. Towards the conclusion of this discussion, and on page 64, last paragraph, will be found these words:

"But I am quite convinced that the appointment of a thoroughly competent man of experience and judgment would be of the greatest benefit to both the public and the profession, having regard to the considerations I have mentioned. This appointment should be made by the Provincial Government, after consultation with the College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Royal Dental College, respectively, and if possible with their concurrence. *The duties should involve the taking of evidence after due notice to the parties and the fixing of the fee.* It would be unwise to make this determination wholly final, but it should afford *prima facie* evidence of a reasonable fee in case it is