

this Bill carefully with a view to improving it as much as possible. For my part I would throw out the Bill, and when they introduce another let it be prepared by some one who knows something about the subject. This gives the minister authority to sit in judgment and say what amount of aconite, chloroforme or morphine or prussic acid or strychnine should be mixed with any medicine. Here is a drug at the bottom of the list, veratria. It is given for the purpose of lowering the pulse; aconite is used in the same way. Any one who uses that drug should see the patient before administering it, and visit the patient every time it is used, because no one but an educated physician can tell to what extent it should be employed. If such a drug were left in the house, to be administered by any one who happened to be with the patient, and administered often, it would lower the pulse until it stops altogether. I do not remember ever prescribing aconite. There are two preparations of it, and both are given only in the very smallest doses. In the list, I find corrosive sublimate. Who would think of putting corrosive sublimate in any mixture and handing it out to the public? How much would you put in a bottle to give to anybody? How could it be regulated or how could the effects of it be known? There is another preparation here, cantharides. It is a powder made of Spanish flies, and there are only two preparations of it that I know of. One is a blister and the other is a tincture that is never used internally. I never used it in my life. So there is a tremendous list of terrible drugs which no head of the department could recollect. I am willing to admit that the minister may be the most scholarly man in Canada; but this is imposing on him a duty that is absurd. If they had called in any country physician and asked him about these drugs and the use made of them, it would have relieved him of all difficulty. If the drugs mentioned in this list are put forward as agents used by the medical profession, I say it is a libel and falsehood, and I denounce it as such. Where they got that list from, I do not know; but it is the most ugly list I ever read. If you do what is right with this Bill, you will

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at all events suspend it for a while. It is a serious measure, by far more important than measures which we have held back for years before passing them. I do not know the minister who got up this Bill?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Dr. Borden?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, he had nothing to do with it.

Hon. Mr. DERBYSHIRE—Mr. Templeman, Minister of the Interior.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—Mr. Templeman was a member of the Senate, and a man of the highest respectability, and I am sure he would not do that. If I could have five minutes with Mr. Templeman, I would explain the Bill to him so that he would drop it altogether. I would move that it be rejected.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—The Bill or the list?

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—The list. There are patent medicines which are harmless, and I would let dealers sell as many of them as they liked, because people want them. I do not know if any patent medicine ever contained one of the drugs mentioned in this list. I do not know what the contents of any patent medicines are. If the hon. senator from Edmonton knows the formula of any particular medicine that is sold, he could inform us about it. The Bill is sufficient to cover the case of a man deliberately exposing for sale what he knows is a dangerous drug. In the list you find carbolic acid; it is never used internally. If you do what is right for your country, and the profession, and the noble army of patent medicine sellers, you will postpone this Bill for another year.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I should like to move an amendment.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—An amendment is not in order. The motion is that the committee rise, and that cannot be amended.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—If the hon. senator from Kingston would have a conference with the minister, they might be able to straighten out this Bill. It contains some good things, and I propose to move that the