

impose upon suffering humanity. The days of the "cure-all" must cease.

We put this case up to the law-makers. There should be a statute strictly prohibiting the advertising of virtues in a remedy it does not possess, or the cure of organic diseases that are well known to belong to a class that are most difficult of cure.

With praiseworthy energy the Board of License Commissioners has taken up the subject of patent medicines. This investigation, however, we take it, will be limited mainly to the alcohol content. This, however, is very important, for when the "kick" is taken out of these nostrums they soon fall flat. The one who is fond of his "drop" likes the medicine with the highest percentage of alcohol; and for a liberal supply of it will give a certificate of how it cured him of some terrible disease. It is most wonderful what a small quantity of "aloes" and a large quantity of "whiskey" have done for some people.

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#### VENEREAL DISEASES.

After July 1 Ontario druggists will not be allowed to sell alleged remedies for venereal diseases. Only qualified medical practitioners will be allowed to attend patients suffering from these diseases and prescribe for their alleviation, and any person convicted of illegally prescribing will be fined from \$100 to \$500, according to the seriousness of the offence.

Where a medical officer of health in any community learns that a person is suffering from this disease he has the authority to compel the person in question to submit to a medical examination by a duly qualified medical practitioner immediately. If the report says the patient is infected, then he must continue treatment, and produce evidence of such treatment to the medical officer of health. Hospitals are under obligation to treat patients suffering in this way, on pain of forfeiture of their grants from the province. If any person is found guilty of stating, either publicly or privately, verbally or in writing, directly or indirectly, that a certain person has been notified, dealt with, or examined under this Act, whether such statement is or is not true, a penalty of \$200, or three months' imprisonment, will be imposed.

These regulations are of a very far-reaching character. In the first place, all patent and proprietary medicines for the treatment of any form of venereal disease must cease to be sold by the druggist. "Ricord's Specific," "Big G," etc., will disappear from the fences and bill-board, and the columns of the newspapers. This will be a great step in advance. These diseases are communicable, and the public should be protected. This can only be done by having these diseases properly treated under