

Government turned a deaf ear to the arguments of the anti-vaccinationists who sought to have the Vaccination Act repealed. When the Hon. Mr. Drury said for himself and his colleagues that he regarded the views of those opposing vaccination as without merit, he was occupying high and unassailable ground. It is not only hoped but fully expected, that this same clear thinking will dominate the actions of the Government when the time comes to formulate the law that shall guide Medical Education and practice in this Province.

While it is a good thing to grant to each person the fullest measure of liberty, when it comes to be a question of endangering public health, this Association feels that too much has been conceded to the conscientious objector.

LEGISLATION REGARDING ALCOHOL.

Your Committee feels that there are several features in the Ontario Temperance Act that call for amendment.

In the first place it is a very objectionable requirement that calls upon the doctor to set forth the nature of the patient's disease. This should be confidential. It ought to meet every demand if the physician was obligated to state that the liquor ordered was solely for medicinal purposes.

In the second place the medical profession should not be made the keepers of the liquor supplies of the Province. The vast amount stored in the buildings of the vendors can only leave these buildings on the orders of the medical practitioners. The responsibility is on the law makers to find some other way.

In the third place, alcohol in its various forms of wines, malt liquors and spirits, is admitted by the medical profession to be a drug and to have its place in every known pharmacopœia. This being the case, these forms of alcohol should be at the disposal of the medical practitioner regardless of the frequency with which he may order them. No law interferes with the number of times any other drug is ordered, provided it is not ordered for criminal purposes or to supply a narcomaniac.

Then again, according to the Act, alcohol in all its forms, is regarded as a medicine, and is placed under the direction of the medical profession in the matter of its sale. This being the case, arrangements should be made to bring it reasonably within the reach of all.

Two vendors in Toronto, one in Hamilton, one in Windsor, one in London, one in Kingston, and one in Ottawa, fall far short of adequate accommodation for the people. The distance between these vendors is altogether too great, and most serious consequences may