



## Report of Mr. Justice Frank E. Hodgins in Regard to Chiropractic

The following article on chiropractic is reprinted with permission from the report of the Commissioner appointed in 1915 by the government of the Province of Ontario into all matters relating to the practice of the healing art. This investigation included not only medical education, by which physicians are prepared, but also the practice of osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors and christian scientists and others professing to practice the healing art. The Commissioner was the Hon. Mr. Justice Frank E. Hodgins of the Supreme Court, Toronto. The investigation was conducted during 1916. In this report Mr. Justice Hodgins states that he visited 14 different cities of Canada and United States and 18 different institutions; he interviewed 234 people and, besides an abundance of direct evidence, collected nearly 200 pamphlets bearing on all phases of the problem. This investigation went thoroughly into the origin, progress and practice of osteopathy, chiropractic, manotherapy, christian science and other forms of healing, as well as medical education, dentistry and nursing. Only the portions relating to chiropractors and its "supporting statement" are reproduced at this time. We have had certain portions set in italics for emphasis.

### MR. JUSTICE HODGINS' REPORT

Of the Canadian Chiropractors' Association the record of its 24 members have been sent to me. None of them have taken courses of more than 2 terms of six months' each. All but 8 have graduated from the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, in 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914, and in so doing only took this short course. Of the remaining 8, 3 graduated from colleges now defunct, and one from the National Chiropractic College of Chicago, all of which have or had correspondence courses, and the association therefore declines to vouch for them. The other 4 graduated from the Canadian Chiropractic College in Hamilton, after a course of two terms of six months' each. The number of those in practice in Ontario in June, 1913, was 15.

The Ontario Chiropractors' Association has a membership of 25. Of these, 23 graduated from the Universal School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, the remaining 2 having studied at the Oklahoma Chiropractic Institute and the Detroit Chiropractic School. Of the 23, 9 took a course of only nine months (three of them spending some time previously at the Palmer Chiropractic College), while 14 took a course lasting twelve months (two attending the Palmer College previously). The remaining 2 took eight and twelve months' courses, respectively. Of the 25, those practicing in Ontario before 1913 numbered 17.

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