

In such cases he undoubtedly should be afforded all facilities that the law can give him both as to speed limit and traffic regulation at busy corners. The same should apply to motor ambulances, operating under similar circumstances.

The question of providing doctors with some distinctive monogram by which they could be easily recognized and thus given special privileges, recently came before the attention of the Board of Police Commissioners of Toronto, but no action was taken. Their reason for the taking of this stand was that in case of emergency a doctor would be given the right of way, and where life hung in the balance, he would not be prosecuted for breaking speed and traffic regulations. They also held that such cases where speed was necessary were very limited and the granting of such badges or monograms might lead to a great deal of abuse. The Toronto police court is inclined to be lenient on doctors prosecuted for speeding where such speeding was justifiable.

Where such privileges have been accorded medical men such as in Detroit the experiment has worked out very successful and we feel that should the Board of Police Comissions for Toronto only grant similar concessions they would prove equally successful.

THE WORKING OF THE INSURANCE ACT IN BRITAIN.

In any great Act such as this and covering so many and varied interests it would be more than likely that some unforeseen difficulties would arise. Experience is now pointing out these, and indicated in what way the Act requires some amendments.

In the first place there is a disposition to allow more to the medical men who work under the Act, and, in this way, make its provisions a possibility.

Another feature that has become apparent is the desire to impose upon the benefit funds. One would have expected that this would be so. In a vast number of persons coming under the scheme there is sure to be the malingerer. It appears that steps will have to be taken to deal severely with this class.

Another feature has been revealed that is not so pleasant to contemplate. A certain number of medical men have been accused of giving out certificates dishonestly, and in some instances giving them out in advance. What action may be taken in this matter the recent medical jouranls from Britain do not indicate.

A feature of the Act that is of the brighter side, is that there will be somewhere about £58,000 annually to devote to research work. If