

The Paper concludes with the following practical rules which are thus tersely stated:—

1. A Declaration is admissible in evidence only concerning the circumstances resulting directly or indirectly in the death of the patient himself.
2. It must be made under the influence of a conviction in the mind of the patient that his death is impending.
3. It may be made to anyone.
4. The doctor should not imperil the obtaining of such Declarations by waiting for the Police or Crown authorities.
5. Where there is ample time it is well to communicate with Police and Crown authorities.
6. A Declaration may be obtained by questions; and when the statements of the patients are not full, it is often well to supplement them by information obtained in answer to questions.
7. Where possible the Declaration should be reduced to writing, read over to and signed by the patient—if it is also signed by witnesses, this is the ideal Declaration.
8. But a written Declaration without signature is admissible.
9. And so is an oral Declaration.
10. In case of any difficulty at any stage, the Crown officers should be at once consulted.
11. In all cases of doubt, the Declaration should be taken, leaving it to the Court to determine its admissibility and value.
12. Crown and Police authorities generally prefer to take the Declaration by stenographers--these rules are however, not intended for the guidance of such authorities—but for medical men or laymen who can seldom obtain stenographic assistance.

BLUE SKY LEGISLATION.

The Bill respecting the Sale of Securities introduced in the Ontario Legislature during the Session just closed, and to which we referred *ante* page 121, has been held over until next Session, owing, no doubt, to the desire of the Government to give the fullest opportunity for a careful consideration of the important questions involved and also by reason of the large amount of necessary legislation already before the House. The Bill has been referred to a special committee composed of thirteen members of the Legislature. The committee will sit early in the Fall, and will hear any interests which desire to make known their views upon the subject.