

GO TO UNIVERSITY TO QUALIFY AS OPTICIANS

THE OPTOMETRISTS' ASSOCIATION WANTS BILL FOR A COMPUL- SORY LICENSE.

Local optometrists waited upon Hon. Dr. Pyne and Hon. I. B. Lucas at the Parliament buildings yesterday morning, asking that those practising their profession be brought under the control of the Department of Education, and that a bill which they have submitted be passed by the Legislature making it compulsory for all practising optometrists in Ontario to obtain a license. It was pointed out that such legislation was in force in Quebec and Manitoba, and that it was illegal in those Provinces to practise optometry without a license issued by the Association of Optometry.

Dr. Pyne suggested that the optometrists had really at their disposal the machinery of the University of Toronto to educate these men for their profession and issue to them certificates of qualification.

Hon. Mr. Lucas said: "This looks like what some newspapers call a close corporation. You are starting in with organization without having the means of turning out opticians."

Mr. W. R. Carvell acted as spokesman for the deputation, which was introduced by Mr. E. W. J. Owens, M.P.P.

A letter was read by Mr. Carvell from the Retail Merchants' Association of Toronto, and addressed to the Legislature, asking that the legislation sought by the optometrists be not granted.
