

## DOCTORS' ACCOUNTS MAY BE REGULATED

### Inquiry Into Physicians' Fees Sequel to Drugless Healers Bill

As a result of a suggestion offered in the Legislature yesterday by W. F. Nickle, K.C., Conservative member for Kingston, Ontario is likely to have a Medical Taxing Officer, whose duty it shall be to privately hear and settle disputes between practitioner and patient as to the doctor's remuneration for services.

Mr. Nickle suggested it at the close of discussion upon Premier Drury's bill to regulate the "drugless healers," and the Premier readily acquiesced as to the wisdom and necessity of such an officer. It was agreed that when the Premier's Medical Bill gets into committee a clause to that effect can be discussed and likely added.

Discussion upon the Premier's measure was unexpectedly short, there appearing to be general agreement among members that some restrictions should be placed upon the rights of individuals indiscriminately to practice medicine, and also that there should be some standardization and legal recognition of existing "drugless healing" professions. In urging second reading for his bill Premier Drury said that "it was ridiculous that a plumber should be following his trade one month and holding himself out as a healer the next."

J. M. Webster, Lambton, and D. J. Taylor, North Grey, U.F.O. members, both expressed concern, however, as to the effect the shutting out of the Province of drugless healers would have upon the numbers of young men who were now in their second year of osteopathy or chiropractics. The Premier, however, assured them that the existing clauses of the bill, as to the date of the closure, and so forth, could be discussed and possibly amended in committee.

## LEGISLATURE PROCEEDS IN AWE, EXPECTING ANOTHER HICKS BOMB

### Stormy Petrel of U.F.O. Party Has His Desk Piled With Further Ammunition — May Unload Today

During three sessions yesterday—morning, afternoon and evening—the Legislature fidgeted and shifted, awaiting the promised projection of another political bombshell from Andrew Hicks, U.F.O. member for South Huron. Mr. Hicks was generally understood to have prepared and lying on his desk an addition to his charges against Premier Drury, and to be awaiting the opportunity to arise on a motion for adjournment or a question of privilege.

But the day passed without the promised sensation. Mr. Hicks was not on hand in the morning before

the orders were called, and most of the afternoon the Premier was absent, and in late afternoon, when the Premier was present, the House was in committee, and Mr. Hicks could not pry his way into a speaking position. Night time came, and still no speech, although, quite obviously, Mr. Hicks passed up one or two proffered opportunities. The Government breathed easier when the South Huron member at 10.30 p.m. donned hat and coat and departed.

However, it is understood Mr. Hicks will take the floor today and present a further instalment on what he deems to be the shortcomings of the Prime Minister.