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Investigation Shows Evils—Canada Needs General Doctors, Not Specialists.

Evidence taken at the sittings of the parliamentary committee of the Ontario legislature on the government of the University of Toronto, justified even more completely than was anticipated the position taken by Saturday Night last spring in supporting the demand for such an enquiry. Says that well-known Toronto journal which the Whig quotes as follows:

It was pointed out that the powers of the board of governors were unduly autocratic, and that evils typical of autocracy had arisen in the exercise of those powers. The University Act provides but one check on these powers, namely, that decisions of an important nature must be ratified by the lieutenant governor in council. In other words by the Ontario cabinet. But it was made clear from the testimony of Sir Joseph Flavelle that this check had become null and void. The board has carried out its own sweet will without reference to the cabinet. The only explanation Sir Joseph had to offer was that this neglect was an "unfortunate oversight." Perhaps it was otherwise, fortunate in the sense that it simplifies the task of revising those decisions and repairing some of the gross injustices involved.

Even more sensational testimony was forthcoming when it was shown that in one vital matter, the reorganization of the medical faculty, the board of governors had actually delegated its authority to a small outside committee, in exchange for a large donation to the University. It was in reality this action which precipitated the present crisis. In 1919 the late Sir John Eaton, one of the most generous men this country has ever known agreed to donate half a million dollars in payments extending over a term of years, to be devoted to medical education. Dr. G. W. Ross, who knew Sir John well testified that it was farthest from his intentions to encumber his gift with embarrassing clauses. But apparently on the suggestion of others, conditions were embodied in the agreement of the gift, which had that effect. As a result the medical department of which the Toronto General Hospital is part, was re-organized during the absence of many of the leading members of that department on war service, and without submitting the proposed scheme to the faculty itself. Several leading physicians were removed from the staff, despite the promise of the president, Sir Robert Falconer, before they went overseas that their positions would be kept open for them.

Changes Condemned.

Apart from the breach of faith involved, the changes aimed at in the reorganization process were publicly condemned by many medical men of the highest eminence. Formerly there were three hospital services, presided over by physicians of established reputation for the training of students in actual bedside practice and the duties of a general practitioner. These services were abolished and control vested in one individual, a

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newly appointed full-time professor of medicine who was essentially a laboratory man. Since the crying need of Canada is for more general practitioners and not for laboratory men and specialists, the dangers of this experiment are apparent to the layman. This reorganization therefore tended not only to deprive medical education of the services of patriots whose experience had been greatly augmented by war service, but of the guidance of doctors whose knowledge had been gained in the school of experience at the bedside and on the operating table. During the course of the enquiry the absurd argument was put forward that the day of the practical diagnostician was done, and the day of the laboratory man had arrived,—as though the hard-working physician in the rural sections of Ontario could afford to wait for laboratory tests with a dying man or woman on his hands.

The anomalous circumstance moreover is that the board of governors agreed to this radical step at the dictation of a small outside committee selected by the donor, the only professional members of which were junior members of the medical faculty. Two of the most eminent members of the board, Sir Joseph Flavelle and Sir Thomas White, expressed the view that the governors should not have accepted the gift under these conditions. It was reiterated again and again that Sir John Eaton himself did not make those conditions. Sir Joseph Flavelle stated that he understood them to have been attached by a medical man—whose absence in California prevented his being called. The action of the board in selling out control of medical education in exchange for a monetary gift, however large, can hardly be defended.

One Evil Led to Another.

As usually happens, one evil led to another. The prospect of another gift, the million dollars offered by the Rockefeller Foundation, gave an excuse for reorganizing the department of surgery along lines similar to those covertly adopted in connection with the department of medicine. The Rockefeller Foundation originally had no intention of attaching conditions; but influences were set at work, (as stated in these columns last spring) the gift became heavily and expensively encumbered. Four services at Toronto General Hospital, presided over by surgeons of very wide experience and ability were scrapped, and a single service created under a full time clinical professor, who became a veritable Pook-Dab. This new head has charge of all surgical patients in the T.G.H.: of the out patients and Emergency department of the same institution; and supervision over the teaching and surgical work in St. Michael's, the Western and Sick Children's Hospitals;—which means that these institutions cannot make surgical staff appointments without his consent, on pain of losing their clinical connection with the university. In addition he has full charge of all the teaching in the department of surgery. As Dr. Herbert Bruce testified, it would require a superman to perform such a multiplicity of duties.

It is obvious that under such a system prevailing in an institution which is the chief source from which the medical profession in Canada is recruited, the public interest must in the long run suffer. The evidence of the most eminent professional witnesses was that the inevitable result would be to encourage mediocrity. The system will necessarily prevent the university getting the best men in the surgical field, for no man of outstanding ability will subordinate himself, and give up initiative and independence to supply a cog in such a czar-like machine.

The Effect Deplorable.

The effect on the university as a whole, of these experiments, injustices and anomalies in its greatest and most expensive departments, is necessarily deplorable. So long as the university was employing men of eminence in private practice for part-time work, the latter could afford for the sake of professional pride in the institution and a sense of public service to accept moderate remuneration. As a matter of fact the so-called full time system has not been actually imposed; but the two new heads under the reorganization, outlined above are each in receipt of \$10,000 per annum. It is certainly invidious to pay two professors in the medical department such a salary for what is really part-time service, while the highest salary paid to a professor in any other department of the university is only \$6,000. Thus the seed of dissatisfaction and unrest, which makes the bed of the board of governors uneasy at the present time, was sown by themselves. The evidence showed that heretofore, for professional reasons, men of the highest standing gave their services as instructors at the nominal salary of \$1,000 per annum.

Of the highest importance as a preventive of such differences as those recently ventilated Lt.-Col. Thomas Gibson, a graduate suggests that all major appointments, promotions and commissions should be submitted to a council of the faculty concerned, elected by its members, and submit certain precautions against underhand intrigue. Further, on behalf of the profession, he suggests that the dean of medical faculty be elected

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GANANOQUE

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Dr. Clarke, dentist, Brockville, is the guest of Dr. Fraser for the Golf Club dance tonight.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the G. W. V.A. held a very successful and pleasant euchre last evening in their rooms. The prize winners were ladies' prize, Miss Joe. Ford, gentlemen's prize, Tommy Ferris. The Hidden Number prize was won by Miss Viola Rogers. Consolation prizes were won by Mrs. Alice Dempster and Leo Morgan.

Mrs. W. Robinson was called to Kingston on Monday owing to the serious illness of her son, William.

Mrs. Juniper who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. George S. Mastin, has left for Belleville where she will take up residence.

Alexandria Bay hockey team will play the Canoe Club tonight.

The game last night between the Stelcos and Seeley's Bay drew the largest crowd yet seen on the rink this winter. It was a good game resulting in a victory for the Stelcos, 8 to 2.

Notes From Clarendon.
Clarendon, Feb. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Kirkham spent Sunday with Oso friends. Mrs. E. Kirkham, Miss Della and Doris Kirkham went to Sharbot Lake on Sunday. Miss Mona Boles is on the sick list. Miss H. McKay and Miss B. Donley were in Clarendon on Saturday. William Gamble has been confined to bed the last few days.

Mrs. Winchester's quilting bee was not very well attended on account of the extremely cold weather. On Saturday, Box wood is being shipped from here to Pembroke. Herbert Parks is shipping stove wood to Perth. Our new doctor is doing a rushing business. Mr. Kennedy, lumber buyer, was here last week.

C. Burke is doing a good business delivering goods for shipment. Mrs. Joseph St. Pierre made a business call to Sharbot Lake during the week-end. Needless to tell you we are having desperately cold weather. The boys' new song:

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