

DOCTORS LABELLED IN MANITOBA BOOZE FIGHT

Are Described as Irreproachable, Sheep and Goats—The Basis of Division is on the Number of Liquor Prescriptions Issued—The Dry Law Said to be Helpful to Young Doctors—Authorities are Active.

Winnipeg, Nov. 30.—Manitoba physicians are being divided into "irreproachable" sheep and goats, by the Provincial Medical Association Executive Committee, and according to the group in which a doctor finds himself, so shall be his reward or

punishment. For the "irreproachable" there will be praise, for the "sheep" neither praise nor blame, and for the goats or black sheep, revocation of license as a medical practitioner.

The basis of division is upon the amount of prescriptions for liquor be-

ing issued. The drastic action is contemplated for those doctors who have been so free with their liquor permits as to besmudge the fair name of Manitoba medicos. The association solicitor is collecting evidence which will make or break individual members.

Boon to Young Doctors

That some of the doctors have been regarding the dry laws as a "good thing" has been no secret. The way of the young graduate from the local medical college was hard in the days before prohibition. He would look forward to several years of patient, but patientless, toil before he worked up some sort of clientele. He was certain of a trying period of probation until he established his reputation. But today every graduate has his automobile, his up-town office, and his clientele within a few months after he gets his license. Prohibition measures seem to have been made expressly for the fostering and encouragement of young and needy physicians.

At the annual meeting of the Pro-

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vincial Medical Association, at Winnipeg last week, members heard without surprise that some doctors were issuing three and four thousand liquor prescriptions every month. An inspector of the Temperance Administration department declared that he knew several who contracted with druggists and bootleggers to furnish batches of several hundred prescriptions at a time at cut-rate prices, while it was the common practise for doctors to prescribe liquor without even pretending to examine their "patients."

Investigation Started Earlier

Although investigation into the alleged unprofessional conduct of some physicians had been going on for several weeks, the main difficulty of determining a standard by which to measure up individual practitioners had not been overcome, it was reported. First, a certain number of prescriptions had been fixed upon, but the preliminary survey of the situation showed that a vast number of members had transgressed. Then the amount was raised but too many were caught on this basis as well. The executive committee was working night and day to fix a basis on which to take action it was said.

One doctor suggested that as Manitoba had voted in favor of bone dry prohibition and it would only be a short time before all the liquor business would be in Government control and physicians would be limited to a month the Legislature should be asked to grant permission to vendors to sell without prescription. The discussion that followed was heated. Some doctors expressed the opinion that they did not want to handle the prescription business at all while others maintained that it was a necessity and it was the duty of doctors themselves to see that no taint was attached to the profession. The meeting finally gave the suggestion the six month's hoist by referring it to "unfinished business," and adjourning until 1921.

PUNCHBOARDS MUST GO

Montreal, Nov. 30.—Thirteen chances of success in one thousand constitute a gaming device. This was the decision of Judge Cusson yesterday in the trial of Napoleon Aubin, who was fined \$20 and costs for running a "punch" board.

Incidentally the decision inaugurated a war on "punch" or "sales" boards in Montreal. Police officials today declared that the thousand hole punch board with its hundred dollar bonus to the operator and a corresponding reward to the victims of \$8 to \$15 in trade is doomed to pass away. Latest information available from the trade journals catering to the gentry operating such devices shows that the average board contains thirteen prizes against 987 blanks.

AUSTRIA TO BE ASSISTED

(Special to Daily Mail, by Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)

Vienna, Nov. 30.—Encouraging news has been received from Paris to the effect that the French and British government have formally agreed on the question of helping to restore Austria's economic position. The Austria section of the reparations commission has expressed satisfaction over the French and British agreement, which promises to make Austria's work easier by providing the means to raise funds.

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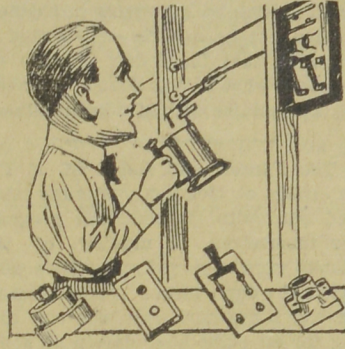


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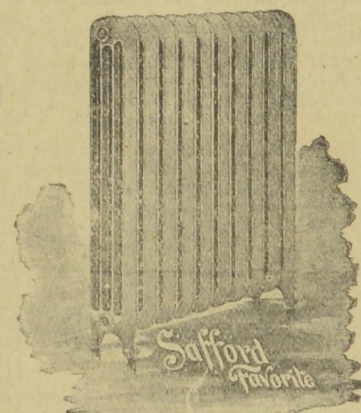
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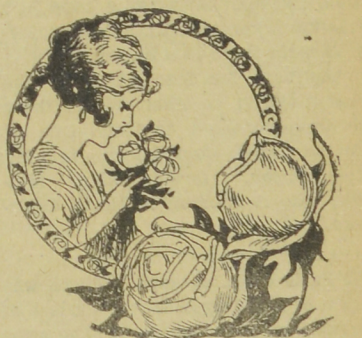
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