

store and is filling the vacancy made by W. S. Terry. Mr. Mallery is a new druggist in Victoria and is heartily welcomed. He has made his bow behind the counter of the Monumental drug store.

### Prince Edward Island Notes.

J. H. Hooper, druggist, of Souris, lost his household furniture by fire a short time ago. The loss was covered by insurance.

A. Gordon, lately with A. S. Johnson, has succeeded Mr. Harvie in W. B. Dyer's drug store at Alberton.

Charlottetown, and indeed all Prince Edward Island, has had an all absorbing sensation. A man, William Porter, was charged with causing the death of a young woman by administering tartar emetic to produce an abortion. One day every druggist and every drug clerk in the city was on the stand giving evidence as to sale of such drugs as ergot, oil juniper, oil savin, oil cedar and tartar emetic. The chief witness against Porter was one Slate, formerly a drug clerk, now a confirmed drunkard, who had been treating the unfortunate victim with such potent mixtures as Soda Bicarb.  $\mathfrak{J}$ ij., aq. ad.  $\mathfrak{Z}$ viii., colored with cold tea and flavored with ess. peppermint.

C. D. Rankin has lately enjoyed a visit to the United States.

### Montreal Notes.

As I predicted, the new Government tax (license) which was levied last October on storekeepers in this Province, and which amounts to \$60 on a \$1000 rental, has been collected by the authorities. The time to oppose an unfair tax is when the matter is before the House, and not when it has become law. In view of the condition of business generally, the taxes payable by a Montreal pharmacist are just about as much as he can bear, if not more. The Government will doubtless have to find a way to spread the taxes over a larger number next year.

The case of the Pharmaceutical Association vs. Mathieu for being a partner in a pharmacy without being either a licensed pharmacist or a registered physician, has not yet come up for hearing. Why cannot Mr. Mathieu loan the money to his *protegee* instead of rendering himself liable to legal proceedings by entering into a partnership in pharmacy without being qualified?

A doctor and a pharmacist have been fined for illegally selling wines and spirits without a license so to do. In Windsor Mills, where this occurred, the Scott Act is in force. These gentlemen have doubtless discovered ere this that "honesty is the best policy."

The French-Canadian students have petitioned the Montreal College of Pharmacy to have the lectures given in the day time instead of in the evening. This move, if consented to by the Board, will

go very hard with drug clerks in Montreal, as it is evident that a clerk attending *Materia Medica*, Chemistry and Botany, necessitating his absence from the store for three hours each day, besides meal times, will not be able to earn his living, while he is taking his lecture courses. Besides, when the College was started it was on the basis of providing lectures for the students in the evening, so that by arrangement with their employers they could get off at half past 8 on lecture nights, and thus be enabled to support themselves and study at the same time. The employers have been very liberal in this matter and have paid very good wages to young men whose thoughts are really more in the lecture-room than in the store. If the students idea becomes law, then employers will have either to employ men who have taken their required number of lectures or else *reduce the rate of wages* and employ more clerks. The fact of the matter is the drug clerks of the present day want all the modern advantages without any effort on their own part to obtain them. It must be borne in mind that there is nothing in the Pharmacy Act requiring candidates for the certified clerks grade to attend lectures at all, and it is not necessary that candidates for the License should hold lecture tickets from the College of Pharmacy. If they wish to attend College in the day time they can go either to Laval, Bishop's or McGill. The funniest part of the matter is that when the College was started the greatest delight was evinced by the clerks because they would be able to hold their situations and earn a living while they were studying for the license to practice. If any of the professors do not like the present state of affairs, it is open for them to resign. I would like to ask what sort of business a druggist would be doing who could let his clerks out for lectures in the day time? Who would run the store in their absence? A committee has been appointed to look into the matter, but it is understood that the majority of the Board are opposed to the change.

The case of the Pharmaceutical Association against Mr. Mathieu, grocer, for being illegally a partner in a pharmacy, is to come up for hearing in the circuit court on the 15th inst.

Robert Watson, a son of David Watson, of Kerry, Watson & Co., passed a successful examination this morning before the Board of the College of Dental Surgeons of the province of Quebec. He has worked hard for his license, and we believe succeeded in coming out fourth on the list. We wish success to Dr. Robt. Watson.

W. A. Dyer's stand, at the corner of Phillips' Square and St. Catherine St., has been pulled down and now looks the picture of desolation. Mr. Dyer will shortly move to another corner of the same block, facing St. Catherine Street. In the meantime he is camped in a temporary store near by.

Mr. Nicholle, druggist of St. Catherine Street, has returned to his old corner after a temporary sojourn near at hand while his old store was being demolished and rebuilt, owing to the widening of Bleury Street. The new building is very pretty, but it would have been better if the windows had been larger.

A matter which the Montreal drug clerks and apprentices might very well take in hand is the unnecessary keeping open of drug stores all day on Sundays, and the very reprehensible practice of lighting up the whole of the shop and windows on Sunday evenings. One drug store was observed last Sunday evening selling soda water to a seedy-looking crowd. What an elevating occupation for a student of a college of pharmacy to be engaged in!! Of course, the selling of anything but medicines on Sunday is illegal. There is no surer way to demoralize clerks than by working them on Sundays.

Quite a breeze has been raised amongst the country druggists, and for that matter, amongst the city men also, owing to a large wholesale drug house sending circulars to country doctors offering to supply them on lowest terms. The retail men hold that such petty competition is unworthy of a large wholesale house, particularly as this house sends round travelers to solicit business from the very men it is trying to undermine and undersell.

We are sorry to notice the death of Mr. Edmond Leonard's father. He died at a good old age and was much respected. Mr. Leonard is the proprietor of a pharmacy on St. Lawrence street.

### A Suggestion for Summer.

In their trade bulletin for April 1, Talcott, Frisbie & Co., of Hartford, Conn., mention that they have ordered a carload of tanglefoot fly paper for arrival May 1, and they proceed to figure up what that means. There are 50 sheets in a box, 10 boxes in a case, and 700 cases in a car. That means 350,000 sheets. Each sheet is capable of catching 1,000 flies. If every one does its full duty, 350,000,000 flies will be caught. Arranged in line these flies would make a procession 2,071 miles long. Carefully piled up they would make a cube 100 feet on each side. The circular does not say whether this enterprising firm intends to exhibit in the cube or the processional form at the end of the season. The people would vote for the procession, with the nearest fly at the city limits and the line running thence 2,071 miles in any one direction.

Laurocerasin is a compound of amygdalin and emygdalic acid, found in the unripe seeds of bitter almond.

Raisins were first produced in California in 1873, when about 120,000 pounds were put upon the market. Last year the state produced 45,000,000 pounds of raisins, while the estimate for 1893 is 55,000,000 pounds.