

### The A. Ph. A. Trip From St. Louis to Denver.

The Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific Railways have been selected as the route for the American Pharmaceutical Association party from St. Louis to Denver for the annual meeting of the association. The party will leave St. Louis Union Station in special cars (or special train, if the number of applicants is sufficient) at 9 a.m., Monday, August 12th, and arrive at Kansas City at 6 p.m., where they will join parties from Chicago in a special train, leaving Kansas City via the Union Pacific Railway at 10.30 p.m., arriving in Denver at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The rate for the round trip, St. Louis to Denver and return, is \$24.50. In order to make adequate arrangements for sleeper accommodations and other comforts, all desiring to join the St. Louis party are requested to communicate with the undersigned at an early date.

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### British Columbia Pharmaceutical Association.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET.

The Provincial Pharmaceutical Association met in Vancouver on June 13th. A meeting of the association council was held in the morning. In the afternoon the visitors were driven round Stanley Park and shown other points of interest in the city. In honor of the occasion, all the drug stores in the city closed at eight o'clock in the evening. In the evening the annual meeting of the association was held at the Manor House. The proposition to form a Dominion association was favorably considered. It was decided to join in, if such an association were formed. It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the council in Victoria, and the next annual meeting of the association in New Westminster. Officers were elected as follows: President, T. M. Henderson, Victoria; vice-president, T. E. Atkins, Vancouver; registrar, Charles Nelson, Vancouver; councillors, Messrs. Henderson and Shotbolt, Victoria; Atkins and Seymour, Vancouver; Van Houten, Nanaimo; and Muir, New Westminster.

After the business session was over an adjournment was made to the dining room, where there was set before them an appetizing menu that was a credit to Host Emerson and his capable chef. After the dinner had been disposed of the gathering was called to order by the vice-president, T. E. Atkins, who first proposed a toast to the Queen, which was duly honored.

The next toast was the Pharmaceutical Association. He referred briefly to the mutual benefit to be derived from the formation of such an association. He hoped it would continue to increase in usefulness from year to year.

The Retiring Councillors were next honored. H. McDowell in reply said that as a councillor he had tried to do his best in the interests of the profession. It was in 1889 that the first steps were taken towards the formation of this association. That year the Act asked for was defeated in the Legislature by one vote. The second year they could get no one to bring their bill forward, but on the third attempt they were successful. He considered this a proof of increase of wisdom in the Legislature. He was retiring from the council on account of pressure of business, but he would always stand ready to do anything in his power to advance the interests of the association. J. Cochran, of Victoria, in reply to the same toast, said while he was retiring from active connection with the executive of the association, he would try to do his duty to the association all the same. The association was a professional and educational union. He thought that they should have a commercial union as well. If not they might soon find a state of things similar to what it is in many places in the East, where other houses are handling goods formerly carried exclusively by druggists. He instanced where the union of the druggists had prevented what would have been a disastrous rate war in London, Ont.

Charles Nelson sang "Hearts of Oak."

In reply to the toast, Sister Associations, John Reed said that that term covered a wide ground. He believed them to be accountable for a great deal of the success that had been met with. It was wise to foster a community of interest. Locally and individually every man was trying to get what he could, but he was pleased that they had not in this community leaned to the weak side by pandering for popularity with cheapness regardless of all else. It was a fact that they had a limited field and a superabundant amount of material to work it with. He then jocosely remarked that if about ten of the druggists of the city were to step out, the balance could take good care of the trade. He hoped, however, that time would deal kindly, if not successfully, with them all. They had a field full of promise, but of slow though steady growth. He hoped they would continue to follow good lines, and he trusted that they would all be successful. Replying to the same toast, ex-Mayor D. S. Curtis, of New Westminster, said that he was glad they did not have to compete with the cutting and slashing that prevailed in some parts of the East. He had to congratulate them in Vancouver and Victoria on maintaining prices. Of course, they were much lower in New Westminster. (Laughter.) He was not talking for advertisement, because all present were sellers, not buyers. To be honest with the public, he concluded, was the *sine qua non* of all such associations.

Absent Members were spoken for by H. H. Watson and J. F. Jaack, and the three youngest members, Messrs. Griffith, McPherson, and Strong, for themselves.

The Press was replied to by S. R. Robb, of the *World*, and A. G. Philip, of the *News-Advertiser*.

The Ladies were championed by Messrs. Muir and Jones.

The entertainment committee were given a bumper, and J. R. Seymour and Charles Nelson responded.

J. A. Teportin, of Langley & Co., and H. McDowell, of the McDowell, Atkins, Watson Co., Ltd., replied to the toast of the Wholesale Trade.

The Host was then toasted and complimented, and in reply he assured them that it was a pleasure to have had their company, and a hearty welcome awaited them whenever they came back.

### Montreal College of Pharmacy.

The time for receiving applications for a French professor of *Materia Medica* for the Montreal College of Pharmacy closed June 11th. Dr. Desrosiers, of Laval, has attended to the duties so far. There are half a dozen applications, and the position will be filled at the first meeting of the board. The lectures begin in October next. The general feeling among the members of both the College Board and the Pharmaceutical Association is that the professor should be a pharmacist rather than a doctor, so as to have the lectures as practical as possible.

### Quebec Pharmaceutical Association.

The annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec was held in the Montreal College of Pharmacy, on Tuesday, June 12th, about thirty members being present, Quebec and Three Rivers being represented at the meeting. Mr. Joseph Constant, president, occupied the chair, and opened the meeting by calling upon Mr. E. Muir, secretary-registrar, to read the minutes of the last annual meeting, and also the annual report, after which Mr. Alex. Manson, treasurer, read his annual financial statement, all of which were approved and adopted. The report and financial statement shows the association to be in a prosperous condition, the cash account showing to its credit, on April 30th, a balance of the handsome sum of \$2,884.77. The president then delivered his annual address in French, and, from the manner in which it was received, it was evident that Mr. Constant had won for himself the highest esteem of his confrères for the able manner in which he had served the association as its president for some four or five years. The president then nominated Messrs. W. T. Kerry and H. F. Jackson scrutineers, and these gentlemen proceeded to count the ballots for six new members of council, during which quite lively discussions took place upon a number of subjects of interest to the pharmaceutical profession. Amongst others, that of the sale of poison, the new council being requested to take into its consideration the advisability of extending the