

TRADE NOTES.

C. E. Jones is opening a drug store at Victoria, B. C.

J. Corliss, physician and druggist, Drumbo, has sold out his drug business.

Jos. Bruce, Ottawa, is reported as having sold out to Maurice A. Belanger.

C. K. C. McGregor, Parliament street, has sold out to his assistant, S. M. Green.

G. H. Blakeway, druggist, Nanaimo, B. C., is giving up business and going to the old country.

A. L. Geen and Yeomans & Co., Belleville, Ont., had their stocks injured by fire last month.

Mr. Isaac Wildern, of South London, is confined to bed with serious complications of la grippe.

Wilson & Co., Lethbridge, Alberta, have sold their drug and stationery business to Little & Co.

Herman Nerlich, head of the firm of Nerlich & Co., wholesale fancy goods, etc., Toronto, died in January.

Mr. Chas. Gunn, formerly of Fraser & Gunn, Woodstock, has accepted a position with A. B. Petrie, of Guelph.

G. Cameron, who has for some time managed the Rhynas' Estate drug store, Goderich, Ont., has gone to Chicago.

W. Montgomery, formerly with A. Jeffrey, is opening a store in the Yonge street Arcade, corner Gerrard and Yonge.

Mr. D. Secord, who for a number of years has conducted a drug store in Ingersoll, has disposed of his business to Mr. E. Ruston, of Georgetown.

Leslie Clement, son of Dr. Clement, of Innerkip, and for some time in W. A. Kari's drug store, Woodstock, has gone to Portage la Prairie, where he has secured a situation.

The Ontario Express and Transportation Co., limited, with Mr. Samuel Chadwick, as general manager, are to commence business about the latter part of April next. They will run over the G. T. R. This company was incorporated in 1878, and re-organized in 1891, with a capital of \$100,000.

In our Montreal notes last month it was stated that the premises of Messrs. Evans & Sons, wholesale druggists, had suffered to some extent in the fire which took place in the warehouse of Beauchemin, Valois & Co. We are pleased to learn that the statement was an error, no damage whatever being done, as the fire was about 150 yards distant.

Several changes in the wholesale fancy goods houses in Toronto have recently taken place. Messrs. Smith & Fudger have dissolved partnership, Mr. H. Smith having taken the stock and removed to new premises at 53 Bay-st., and Mr. H. Fudger putting in a new stock in the old stand, 50 Yonge-st. Messrs. W. H. Bleasdel and J. W. Lester have formed a partnership and will open out about the 1st of March on York-st.

What is no doubt a very improbable, if not sensational, report comes from Detroit on the 23rd inst. It says: A drug trust, with a proposed capital of \$60,000,000, is a matter which has been submitted to some of Detroit's wholesale drug manufacturers recently by a promoter from New York representing both New York and London. It is said that such satisfactory terms were made with two of the largest manufacturing houses there that they were accepted. The undertaking is a monstrous one, owing to the diversified interests of wholesalers and the multifarious lines of goods which go to make up the business. —*Paint, Oil and Drug Review.*

Montreal Notes.

Druggists are often imposed upon in Montreal and probably elsewhere by apparently respectable persons, notably in the matter of prices. A fair price is asked for an article and the customer says, "Why I can buy it at So-and-So's for so much," mentioning a figure very much below what the wholesale price of the article would warrant. A nervous druggist, afraid of his shadow, capitulates at once, and the customer goes away chuckling at his own smartness and the druggist's want of backbone.

The much talked of dinner of the Pharmacy Students' Association came off on the 20th ult., and was a pronounced success so far as numbers were concerned. A few of the older druggists attended, while others remained away, thinking it only fair that "the boys" should be left for one night to enjoy themselves after their own fashion. The usual amount of speechmaking took place and some excellent singing and instrumental music was indulged in, concluding with a jolly time generally, all of which was not on the programme. The Association will now get to work in earnest and some excellent papers have been promised for their meetings.

Dr. Leduc, a pharmacist who has been in business for some years and who was obliged to remove from his old premises owing to the widening of Notre Dame Street West, has leased a magnificent building on the same street, which he is having fitted up in gorgeous style.

The Koch lymph craze has fairly got hold of the Montreal medics and a number of unfortunates in the hospitals have been operated upon. To date, no very satisfactory results appear to have taken place. One enterprising pharmacist advertises a supply of Dr. Koch's lymph syringes.

The metric system is now more frequently met with in Montreal than formerly in prescriptions. As a rule doctors who can run over to Paris for a few weeks feel bound when they return to astonish the pharmacists with their advanced ideas. The metric system is all very well, if they would only drop the bad habit of prescribing French specialties—such for instance as "Rob Lechaux," "Shrop de

Raifort Iode," and numerous other absurdities all of which pay some 50% duty, and in consequence, frightfully enhance the expense of medicines to the patients. Most of these specialties are exceedingly simple and easily prepared.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Association it was decided to bring the annual fee for licentiates back again to the old figure, which was \$5 per annum. It will be remembered that this fee was raised to \$10 owing to the great expense incurred in appealing a case for infringement of the Act, and which case was decided against the Association.

A slashing article has just appeared in the *Monde* newspaper, of this city, attacking pharmacists for the careless way in which they refill prescriptions over and over again, containing morphia, chloral, &c. I fear there is some ground for the complaint. It is as well for pharmacists to have their own shop rules about the sale of these things, and never to encourage the habit of morphia taking by repeating without orders. The Quebec Pharmacy Act is, on the whole, very lenient to pharmacists with regard to the sale of poisons, and pharmacists should be particularly careful not to do anything which might lead to more stringent regulations being considered necessary by the Legislature. It is not pleasant, for instance, for a husband to find that his wife, who may have had morphia prescribed for some passing ailment by her physicians, has become a confirmed morphia taker through the carelessness or cupidity of a pharmacist who has supplied her with this subtle and dangerous drug whenever she has called for it. The Legislature anticipated that pharmacists would be men of honor and judgment.

Manitoba Notes.

Messrs. Hill & Row, Whitewood, have enlarged and improved their premises.

Messrs. Little & Cleveland have bought the drug business of Mr. E. C. Wilson, Lethbridge. They are both young men and their prospects for success are good.

Brandon is a progressive town and the drug trade is to be found foremost in the march of progress. Messrs. A. Fleming & Co.'s handsome store is nearing completion, and Mr. N. J. Halpin has purchased the property adjoining his present stand on which he proposes to erect a good building adapted to his business.

Alex. Colvin, who for a number of years has been with J. D. Higginbotham, has left for Toronto to study medicine. He is succeeded by Mr. Galbraith, of London, Ont.

Mr. Clements, of Woodstock, has taken a position with Mr. B. M. Canniff, Portage La Prairie.

Mr. Duncalfe, of Morden, has patented and is about to put on the market a Liver Invigorator, and from the quality and number of testimonials he has received it would indicate that the remedy possesses real virtue.