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### THE CANADIAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

What has become of this projected organisation? The writer was one of the first to agitate its formation and some years ago, with Mr. Muir, Secretary of the Quebec Association, drew up a constitution and set of by-laws, which were submitted to the other provincial associations for acceptance. We understand that they were favorably received by all—the only objections coming from the Ontaiao College of Pharmacy. Since that time the matter has remained in abeyance, but we think the time is ripe for some action in the way of resuscitating the scheme.

The advantages of such an organization for the improvement of pharmacy in Canada require no argument. We all know and realize the need of organisation and well-directed, united action in the present changing condition of pharmacy, and if such organisation is to be of any value, now is the time to commence.

### THE MONTREAL CITY COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT STORES.

Ald. Galley, the representative of Ste. Anne's Ward has brought up the question of special taxation of department stores. In the course of his remarks he drew attention to the evil results which have accrued from the advent of this new feature of commercial life; the great decrease in the city's revenue caused by the closing up of so many of the smaller stores, with consequent depreciation of the value of real estate; the number of people who have been thrown out of employment, and the other evils which follow on the heel of monopoly. The remedy proposed by Ald. Galley is the same as that which was suggested in these columns nearly two years ago, namely, a progressively increasing tax for each department outside of what is considered legitimate dry goods trade. Something must be done to protect the small dealers. It is all very well to say that the department store is only a development of modern civilization and a sign of the growing tendency towards centralization, but what is to become of the men and women who lose their independence by the too enterprising enterprise of the department store? If the city is losing revenue by the establishment of these mammoth concerns, and there can be no question of it, it is only right that they should be made to pay the deficiency, and if they find it a burden to do so, let them curtail their expansion and keep to their legitimate business. If we examine into the underlying principles of the average department store, we will find it based upon selfishness and cupidity; selfishness, in that the proprietors look out for themselves alone, and do not care whose livelihood is wiped out, if they are making money, and cupidity in that by specious advertising the public, and especially the female portion thereof, are lead to imagine that by buying at these places they can save money, the fact, however, being that any cheap goods bought at these places are cheap from every point of view, while other lines are just as dear, if not dearer than in regular old line stores; but the average woman in spite of daily disappointments will still haunt the bargain counter, and to make a saving of five cents, will