

### Prominent Canadian Pharmacists.

MR. J. D. L. AMBROSSE, B. C. L.

The subject of our engraving this month is Mr. J. D. L. Ambrosse, who, although not at present engaged in the drug business, is still amongst the most prominent, as also one of the earliest members of the Quebec Pharmaceutical Association.

This gentleman is the son of the late Rev. John Ambrosse, D. D., Rector of Baworth, Northamptonshire, England, was born January 28th, 1838, educated at the Clergy College, St. John's Wood, London, was apprenticed to that well-known chemist, John Formes, of Putney, London, England. He passed his first examination at Bloomsbury Square, in 1853. He became an associate of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and a member in 1870. After studying medicine he took the Assistants' diploma of the Apothecaries' Company of London in 1861, and came to Canada in 1862, when he took a position with the old firm of Lyman, Elliot & Co., Toronto; from there he went to Montreal passing the examination for the Chemists' License of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada.

Mr. Ambrosse left Canada in 1864 to take charge of the drug business of George McPherson, corner of Clark and Washington streets, Chicago. In 1869 he returned to Montreal where he commenced business on his own account. Mr. Ambrosse was one of the earliest members of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Association of Quebec, of which Society he has been vice president, and was one of the examiners in chemistry for nearly eighteen years.

Mr. Ambrosse at one time carried on a branch business at Brampton, Ontario, in partnership with Mr. Bannister. He was a member also of the Ontario College of Pharmacy.

In 1883, on the recommendation of the trade, he was appointed Drug and Chemical Appraiser at the port of Montreal, when he gave up business and devoted his whole time to his official duties. In 1889 the Hon Mackenzie Bowell appointed him Dominion Appraiser. Mr. Ambrosse is also a Bachelor of Civil Law, having graduated as such at McGill University in 1890.

ISAAC T. LEWIS.

Registrar Ontario College of Pharmacy.

The recent attempts made by Mr. Sanders and others, through the columns of the *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal*, to belittle the position and capacity of this

officer, leaves us an opportunity to express our candid views of the matter.

Those who know Mr. Lewis best, know that in his private capacity he is sensitive, conscientious, kind and obliging, and, according to his views, exceedingly determined; and, in his official capacity, quiet, firm and impartial, outspoken when need be, very methodical, punctually attentive to his duties and very zealous in every thing pertaining to the interests of the school. His very lengthy experience in the drug business in England and in Canada, both in the wholesale and retail, has eminently fitted him for a position in which the occupant is expected to be familiar and in touch with matters affecting the trade.



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In Toronto, where for a number of years he was an energetic partner in the firm of Hooper & Co., and at a later period in business where Mr. Andrew Jeffrey now is, he has always been most highly esteemed and respected by his brother druggists, and we venture the assertion, that if the position of Registrar of the College was to-day vacant and put up for popular election from the druggists of Toronto, the present officer would receive a majority of the votes cast.

The position of the Registrar of the College is not the sinecure that some would have the druggists believe, nor is the remuneration as great to-day in proportion to the labor involved, as when the sum of six hundred dollars per annum was the amount paid. Regardless

of who performs the duties of the office, the sum now assigned is but a fair salary to a competent person, and we trust that the present official, who has ever impressed us as being the right man in the right place, will long be spared to fill it.

### Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association.

The quarterly meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Association was held in Winnipeg, April 6th. There were in attendance, president J. T. Howard in the chair, and Messrs. C. Flexon, G. W. McLaren, E. D. Martin, W. R. Bartlett, B. M. Canniff, J. C. Gordon, Dr. Hutton and J. K. Strachan, registrar.

The first business was the election of officers for the ensuing two years; those chosen were Messrs. J. T. Howard, re-elected president; C. Flexon, elected vice-president; J. C. Gordon, re-elected treasurer; board of examiners, Messrs. McLaren, Canniff, Flexon, Dr. Hutton and the president, ex-officio.

The report of Dr. Blukely, special examiner, was submitted; it was that H. H. Agnew, R. W. McClure, J. R. Robertson, H. Coltart and A. S. Healy had successfully passed the preliminary examination. The registrar was instructed to enter their names on the register as certified apprentices.

The special committee appointed at the annual meeting to interview the Medical College authorities as to obtaining suitable rooms in the Medical College addition, for the associations' examinations, reported that they had obtained an offer of rooms for five years with use of chemical apparatus and furniture, besides water, heating, light, caretaking and storage accommodation, at \$250 a year. Report adopted.

Mr. McLaren, for the Special Committee, reported apparatus donated by Messrs. E. D. Martin & Co., and Bole, Wynne & Co., of Winnipeg; J. Winer & Co., and Archdale Wilson & Co., Hamilton; Elliot & Co., Toronto; Lyman, Sons, & Co., Montreal; G. P. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg; Knowles & Co., London, Ont. On motion the thanks of the association was tendered to the above firms for their liberal gifts.

The treasurer's statement showed a balance on hand of \$1,952.13.

The registrar's report showed the following names added to the register of pharmaceutical chemists: Alex. Lawson, Hamiota; Max Peplow, Selkirk; J. P. Wright, Balduf; Dr. J. W. Cartmell, Glenboro, and R. T. Kyle, Winnipeg (provisional); apprentices, W. B. Fairbanks and F. W. McVicar, Winnipeg. Auditors, Messrs. Howard, Mitchell, Lightcap