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WE AGAIN invite our readers to write for the CANADIAN DRUGGIST. Something is continually transpiring which will be either a source of information to your fellow druggist or else that he may be a help to you. Our aim is to be a medium of communication between all the drug trade of Canada.

THE new German Pharmacopœia, which is looked upon as the national guide book to German pharmacists, has been issued, and after January 1, 1891, becomes the law of the empire on all drug matters. The book is a volume of 444 pages, is published by the Government, and is sold at a very moderate price.

WHAT are our local Pharmaceutical Associations doing? Fall is now on us, and very few reports of meetings being held. In no way can the members of the profession find as much mutual benefit as in a constant attendance at these meetings, not only in the way of self-improvement, but also in the regulation of trade for their respective localities.

WE HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of a handsome and useful portfolio, with interleaved blotters, from Messrs. Fletcher, Fletcher & Stevenson, Holloway, London, England, together with a price list of their concentrated liquors, introduced by them more than ten years ago, and which now have a large and steadily increasing sale. The products of this house are of acknowledged value and reliability, and are most convenient as well as economical in the preparation of tinctures, infusions, syrups, etc.

PRESIDENT UNNEY, in the course of his address before the Pharmaceutical Conference, said: "Men should never enter the ranks of pharmacy without a recognition of the absolute necessity for patient and persevering study, and continuous observation and thought, and students must be disabused of the idea that the object of their education and work is solely for examinations. Those who always continue students, and learn that increased knowledge brings a wider field of thought and observation, are the backbone of this association. Those whose acquirements are completed with examination are millstones round its neck."

THE election of the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy will be held in July, 1891. As these elections will then for the first time be for district representatives, local associations should be formed in these several districts, and meetings held so that not only may the members become more intimately acquainted with those who aspire to be their representatives, but also that a

better knowledge may be had of the workings of the Council, and of what has been and is still being done in behalf of pharmaceutical education and the general advancement of pharmacy in the Province. Many druggists, we are sorry to say, are carelessly ignorant about these matters, giving but little thought to anything outside of their own personal ambitions and desire for prosperity. This is not as it should be, and we trust that a largely increased interest will in future be taken in everything which will redound to the credit of our chosen profession.

Montreal College of Pharmacy.

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CAMPHOR TRADE OF FORMOSA. - Camphor forms the chief article of export in Formosa, but of late years, owing to hostilities between the Chinese who collect it and aborigines, there has been a great falling off in the trade. Formerly the Chinese settlers had no difficulty in cutting down the trees, as they found them in hilly districts adjoining their own property, but as they never thought of replanting them were soon forced to penetrate into the interior, where the fierce aborigines declined to be pushed out of their possessions. In 1878 the export of camphor was 13,305 piculs, but for the last few years it has barely averaged 4,000 piculs, and this year it is said to be exceedingly small. The Chinese Government have always regarded the camphor trade as a monopoly, and have let it out on contract. This year there is said to be great difficulty in procuring camphor in Shanghai, and housekeepers putting away their woollen and fur goods for the hot season have to pay more than three times the usual price for the aromatic gum abhorred by moths. - *Calcutta Englishman*.

GUM PICKING IN TRIESTE. - Among the working population of Trieste the "sessolotte" -- or "shovellers" -- form a distinct and easily recognizable class. These "sessolotte" are the girls employed in sorting and classifying gums, figs, dates, and other produce for which Trieste is an important market centre. They lift the goods out of the original packages by means of a "sessola," or small wooden scoop, and place a supply on a small wooden table made for the purpose. The "sessolotta" holds a knife in her right hand, and with this and the fingers of the left hand she is able to sort in an incredibly short time, the gum or other material which she is told to pick according to size and quality. It is said that the natural gum arabic, as it arrives in Trieste, has to be picked twelve times in this manner before it is finally fit to be brought into commerce as finest hand-picked quality.

ANTIPIRYN IN TIN BOXES. - Some antipyrin purchased in January in original 250-Gm. tin cases, when opened in June showed, according to Mr. Gruner, wherever the compound had come into direct contact with the tinned sides of the case, a striking reddish-yellow coloration (*Zeit. osterr. Apoth.-Ver.*, June 10th, p. 301). A chemical examination showed the preparation to be otherwise faultless. It was neutral in aqueous solution, odorless, behaved normally towards all reagents, and melted at 112 C. The antipyrin in the cases opened in January was without defect, and some which had been preserved since that time in glass had remained quite white. Mr. Gruner therefore recommends that manufacturers should use glass for packing antipyrin. - *Pharm. Journ.*

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