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### Canada's Interest in the Metric System.

Judging from expressions of many prominent pharmacists in England, there seems to be considerable difference of opinion as to the wisdom of officially recognizing the metric system in the new Imperial Pharmacopœia, and a decided objection to depart from the long-established custom of dispensing solids by weight and liquids by measure.

English methods are usually conservative, and generally none the worse for it; but when progressive thought is daily forcing upon us essential changes, then conservative policy is as useless as the stagnation which it induces.

Canadian pharmacists are satisfied with the Imperial weights and measures, and with the system of using them, but want the metric system as well; and, possibly, the giving of a few reasons why they want it will not be amiss here.

They want it because Canadian pharmacists frequently require to use it; because hundreds of Canadian college graduates secure situations in American pharmacies, where a perfect knowledge of the system is essential; because its recognition in British text-books would popularize them in Canada, and lessen the need for using American works for educational purposes; because the system is undoubtedly the scientific system of the age, and is bound to become officially recognized by us at no distant date; because in a country in which the decimal system is so universally used, the adoption of the metric, for the purpose of medicinal compounding, would be at once familiar and natural; because Canadian feeling in pharmacy, as in other things, is British, and we naturally look for British authority to be equal, if not superior, to that of any other country; because, while the adoption of the system for trade purposes is likely to be but gradual, no good reason has been offered why it should not receive official recognition for the compounding and dispensing of medicine.

It is just possible that the idea of an Imperial Pharmacopœia is more popular in the colonies than in Great Britain; but, in any case, if the work about to be authorized is to fill the design of its eminent author, then Great Britain will have to consider and act generously to that portion of the Empire which forms so conspicuous, if not so important, a part of the Greater Britain.

### The College Council Election Contest.

Interest in college affairs for the present month is largely centred in the council election. In Toronto Messrs. McKenzie and Daniels are returned unopposed; Ottawa returns Mr. Watters; Peterborough, Mr. McKee; Hamilton, Mr. Spackman; Woodstock, Mr. Karn; London District, Mr. Roberts, of Parkhill; Huron, Grey, and Bruce District, Mr. Days, of Lucknow; and Mr. D'Avignon's old field will this time be represented by Mr. Scott, of Sarnia. All of these gentlemen are returned by acclamation.

No. 2 District, comprising the counties of Leeds, Frontenac, Lennox, Addington, Prince Edward, and Hastings, will this time be unrepresented until some one has been selected by the council. Mr. L. W. Yeomans, of Belleville, was nominated, but improperly, until after the date for receiving nominations was past.

No. 6 District, comprising the counties of Simcoe and York (except Toronto), and the districts of Haliburton, Algoma, Parry Sound, Muskoka, Thunder Bay, Nipissing, and Rainy River, will have to decide between her former representative, D. H. McLaren, of Barrie, and W. J. Douglas, of Collingwood.

No. 7 District, comprising the counties of Peel, Wellington, Halton, and Dufferin, will be contested by A. Turner, of Orangeville, and a former councillor, R. H. Perry, of Fergus.

No. 9 District, comprising the counties of Brant, Haldimand, and Waterloo, will