

sum now being used in antagonistic advertising, to better the relationship heretofore existing, and to maintain their goods in channels in which they formerly gave no trouble.

Election of Council, O.C.P.

The election of members of the council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy will be held on Wednesday, July 7th, and all nominations must be in the hands of the registrar not later than Monday, June 7th. Apparently but slight interest is taken in the election of the new council, probably owing to the fact that no questions of a disturbing nature have arisen during the régime of the present council, and the druggists of the province appear to be satisfied with the existing state of affairs as far as that body is concerned. There is no doubt, however, that the coming council will have many questions to deal with which will require men of good judgment and business experience to grapple with, and to neglect to send such men might prove very disastrous to the trade. It comes quite within the province of the council to look after the business interests as well as the educational affairs of the drug trade, and work that has been left to others to undertake in that direction may very well be assumed by the real representatives of the trade.

The Committee on Legislation and Infringement will have work already cut out for them. Fortunately the Finance Committee take hold of their work when everything is in a flourishing condition, but we believe that an additional committee whose special duty it would be to look after the commercial interests of the trade would be a welcome and most opportune addition to the number.

The members representing the various territorial divisions in the present council are: No. 1 Division, Henry Watters, Ottawa; No. 2, J. H. Dickey, Trenton; No. 3, J. McKee, Peterboro; No. 4, C. D. Daniel, Toronto; No. 5, J. H. Mackenzie, Toronto; No. 6, D. H. MacLaren, Barrie; No. 7, A. Turner, Orangeville; No. 8, G. W. Spackman, Hamilton; No. 9, S. Snyder, Waterloo; No. 10, W. A. Karn, Woodstock; No. 11, J. F. Roberts, Parkhill; No. 12, H. Days, Lucknow; No. 13, R. D. Scott, Sarnia. Of these Mr. Watters has been persuaded by his constituents to allow his name to be put in nomination. His election as president of the council is very generally

spoken of, and he is well deserving of the honor. Mr. Mackenzie, who has filled the office of president during the last term with credit to himself and the council, is again a candidate, and Mr. Daniel, the other Toronto representative, who had intended retiring, has, we are pleased to learn, at the solicitation of his friends, consented to stand for election. It would perhaps be invidious for us to go through the whole list of the present members, but one man who should without question be returned is the indefatigable chairman of the Infringement Committee, Mr. Karn, of Woodstock. He is "the right man in the right place." Amongst others who have been mentioned as probable candidates, and any or perhaps all of whom would be excellent men on the council, are Messrs. D'Avignon, of Windsor, Howie, of St. Thomas, Ferrah, of Galt, Wade, of Kingston.

We trust that the druggists of Ontario will sufficiently interest themselves to see that the *best* man in each division is prevailed upon to accept the nomination.

Pharmaceutical Examinations.

The Pharmaceutical Association of Quebec at their recent examinations adopted some changes which have been the subject of criticism both favorable and otherwise. One was the dictation of questions to the students, instead of the plan hitherto adopted of having them printed or typewritten. The reason for this change was that for several years complaints have been made that some students obtained access to some of the papers before their submission to the class. Only in one case has this been proven to have been the case, and then the offending parties were speedily dealt with, as our readers will probably remember. In order to prevent any repetition of such cases, or even the utmost chance of such a thing happening, it was decided this year to adopt the plan mentioned above, viz., dictating the questions when the students were in their places ready for the exams. The questions were prepared by the examiners the day before, and only one copy of each paper prepared and it was kept by the examiner. The Board have decided that it was an improvement on the former system and at their regular meeting held last week, approved of its continuance. They say that no complaints were received from the students and that some of them, at

least, expressed themselves as being pleased with the plan, as the fact of having to write down the question, which was given them orally three times, served to familiarize them with it. Another change adopted was the increase of the number of questions submitted, both at the Minor and Major examinations, to six questions on each subject. A number which appears to us not at all out of proportion to the work gone through during the session of the college. Additional time was given for the answering of these questions and the results go to show that the candidates at the recent examinations have done *proportionately* as well as at former ones.

The plan adopted by the examiners of the Ontario College of Pharmacy is somewhat different and we are inclined to think the most feasible. The examination papers are prepared by the examiners and sent by *registered* letter to the chairman of the Board of Examiners, who inspects them with a view to seeing that any two do not cover the same ground. On the morning that the examination commences, the manuscript for the examination papers is placed in the hands of the printers, *after* the students are assembled in their room. Thus all possibility of the questions being known beforehand to the students is avoided, the entire control of the papers being in the hands of the examiners and the chairman of the Board. The plan has been proven to be most successful, and there has heretofore been no difficulty in having the papers ready in ample time on the day they are required.

The Tariff.

The suspense incident upon the introduction of a new customs tariff and the uneasiness felt in commercial circles at the supposed change from a protectionist to a "free trade," or "tariff for revenue" stand point has at last been relieved. Hon. Mr. Fielding, finance minister, has decided that no very great radical changes should be made at present, but as some members of the government put it, a commencement has been made to prepare for ultimate free trade, or as nearly so as is compatible with surrounding interests.

To say that the tariff pleases or displeases every one would be entirely outside the mark, and that it displeases many of the supporters of the government and pleases a number of its opponents is also