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THE CRY OF SUBSTITUTION.

IF the patent medicine manufacturers were seeking some effectual means of alienating the pharmacists of this country, they could not find a better than the one they have taken up of warning the public against substitution, as they are pleased to call the right of every pharmacist to give advice when asked for it by his customers. No honest druggist will substitute, and druggists as a class are honorable and upright, but a pharmacist will and can give his opinion of any of the advertised articles if requested to do so. Everyone who has stood behind a counter knows that very frequently a customer will ask, when buying a bottle of some of the advertised goods, if it is really as advertised or if something better is in stock; then if the druggist has an article of his own make which he knows is reliable, there is no moral or legal obstacle to prevent him saying so, and selling it. The notion that none but large manufacturers

could turn out good, reliable goods, is all nonsense, and will not stand examination; the average educated pharmacist is much more competent to make these remedies from a good, reliable formula, than are 95 per cent. of the men who control the patents now on the market, and whose knowledge of medicine and pharmacy is just enough to make them dangerous and their goods menaces to public health.

The branding of a class such as the pharmacists as counterfeiters and frauds can have but one result, the education of the public as to the real value of patent medicines, and once they have learned that, patents will be things of the past—"a consummation devoutly to be wished."

A VICTORY FOR THE QUEBEC PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

AS our readers are aware, the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec took action against S. Carsley & Co., Ltd., H. & N. E. Hamilton, Boisvert Bros., and others, for infringement of the Pharmacy Act, the offence being the sale of patent medicines. The case was heard in the Police Court before Judge Dugas, who, after having the case under deliberation, decided that these firms were guilty of the charge, and condemned them to a fine and costs. We understand that the cases are to be appealed, at least that permission will be asked of the Court of Queen's Bench to appeal. The advocates of the association are confident that the law will be sustained.

It is a great victory for the pharmacists of Quebec, and if the decision be upheld, as we believe it will, cutting in this province will be effectually prevented, unless the druggists themselves should embark upon such a suicidal policy.

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