

the duty of chemists and druggists to record in a book every sale or other disposal of liquor by them, the time and manner of its sale, the person to whom it was given, and the quantity sold, together with the certificate, if any, and the name of the medical practitioner who gave it.

Mr. Cameron said that with regard to the provision regulating druggists, he did not know that the proposed change in the law, viz., that of obliging druggists to enter on a book the names of persons to whom they sold liquors, would have the effect of preventing druggists from selling; so that altogether the changes proposed would only be changes on paper, and not changes calculated to amend the practices with reference to the sale of liquors.

After recess, the House in Committee again resumed consideration of the License Bill, and, on the 12th clause,

Mr. Cameron remarked that in order that the clause might fail of its object it would be just as necessary to know how much liquor the druggist bought as to know the quantity he sold.

Mr. Boulter thought it would be very difficult for a druggist to account for all the liquor he sold, because he used a good deal of it in tinctures, for instance.

Mr. Meredith—Oh, is that what they call it now? (Laughter.)

Mr. Merrick asked if a druggist would be liable to punishment supposing his clerk sold liquor without recording it.

Mr. Crooks—Why not?

Mr. Merrick thought there was a good deal of force in the objection the member for North Hastings raised.

Mr. Crooks said the safety of a law was in leaving it in general terms, and then leaving it to the judge to apply it to the particular cases.

The clause was carried with a verbal deletion.

As soon as the Act obtains a final reading we shall take the first opportunity of laying before our readers those portions in which they are specially interested.

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## THE EXAMINATIONS.

One of the proposed amendments to the Pharmacy Act requires those who present themselves for examination to show satisfactory evidence of their having been engaged for four years as regularly indentured apprentices to the drug business. Under the present law the candidate may present himself without having served any regular term, or, indeed, any term at all; and, if he succeeds in pass-