

sentiment gets but scanty consideration—the survival of the fittest is a truism which is fittingly applied and it is rarely applied to the individual who is lacking in the qualities above mentioned. The true business man makes as many friends and as few enemies as possible. He early learns to realize that the display of little attention to his customers is appreciated, and that a bow, a smile and an obliging expression will go a long way towards peopling his store with customers. Pleasant habits are as easily acquired as unpleasant ones, and the results to be obtained from their use are so prolific in personal benefits that no excuse can be allowed for the churl who feels that all the world owes him and he owes nothing. The world owes us all that we can get out of it by honest and tactful means, and the person who will not take pains to learn the habits which will readiest get him a large share of the good things of this life deserves only the portion which is otherwise allotted to him.

Mr. Alexis Robert.

Mr. Alexis Robert, the recently elected president of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, is probably the youngest president who has presided over that body. Mr. Robert was born in Montreal in 1861 and was educated at St. Laurent College, graduating in 1876. He served his apprenticeship with Mr. J. B. Tressider, and for some time also with Mr. J. B. Bennett. He was a graduate of the Montreal College of Pharmacy class of 1883. In 1886 Mr. Robert commenced business on his own account, occupying a store on St. Lawrence street, and three years afterwards moved to the elegant pharmacy now occupied by him at the corner of St. Lawrence and Craig streets. He has always taken a lively interest in matters pertaining to pharmacy, etc., and in 1889, during an extensive tour through Europe, visited some of the leading laboratories, notably in Paris and Marseilles. As a member of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Association he has been an active worker, and has been the main promoter of the newly organized society of Retail Druggists of Quebec. He is personally very popular and his selection by his confreres as president is an acknowledgment of his ability and energy.



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President Pharmaceutical Association of Province of Quebec.

Comments on the Ontario Council Proceedings.

The inaugural meeting of the newly elected members of the Council was so amicably harmonious that its labors were terminated with greater despatch than usual. The selection of Messrs. Karn and Roberts, as president and vice-president, respectively, was a deserved tribute to energy and ability and a compliment to the young members of the profession. We are satisfied these two gentlemen will worthily fill the positions vacated by their experienced and talented predecessors.

The motion introduced by Mr. J. M. Hargreaves *re* apprentices seems to be, at first glance, rather an arbitrary one; but, apart from the reason given by that gentleman for its introduction, we are satisfied that the practice indulged in by many artied apprentices, in leaving one employer for another, required either legal interposition or such a penalty as has been suggested in order to put a stop to it.

The registrar's report is, as usual, full of information which shows growth and prosperity. The number of medical practitioners who are taking out registration seems to be beyond the proportion of new graduates who do the same in a similar period. A thoughtful consideration of this condition will teach a valuable object lesson.

We regret that our confreres of the

Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec have again seen fit to repel the reapproachment of the Ontario body for reciprocal recognition of diplomas, and we must at the same time commend the Ontario Council for their display of continued desire to accomplish so desirable an object. We wish them future success. The action of the other provinces in expressing compliance indicates a tendency to federate interests which augurs well for the future of Canadian pharmacy.

The treatment by the Council of the communication received from the licensing department of the Ontario Government, *re* sales extract of malt, will doubtless meet with the approbation of their fellow druggists. The Council has no power to take prohibitive action at any rate, even though the complaint was essentially true, and it certainly would not be likely to admit that it should act as a protector of the retail liquor dealers' association of the Province of Ontario, which lodged the complaint.

The creating of Professor Heebner, dean of the college, an honorary member of it is a somewhat tardy recognition of his naturalization, but we hope that the worthy professor will feel none the less gratified by the lack of haste.

The Council, in its reply to the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, *re* the Canadian Addendum to the British Pharmacopœia, has definitely placed itself on record in favor of a Dominion Pharmacopœia, and in doing so has vindicated the judgment of this journal, which has always felt that medicine and pharmacy were sufficiently advanced in Canada to adopt a standard which would make them more independent of text books issued to the south of us.

The new Council has taken the initiative towards the preparation of amendments to the Pharmacy Act, and as the body is composed of young and energetic members, there is little doubt but that fresh fighting for our living is in view.

That bugbear in pharmacy—the tax on alcohol—has again been under discussion and again been shelved. Apparently the only privilege which the druggist has under the circumstances is to raise his price. He can't hope to govern the