

PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION.

IN this third edition of the Canadian Formulary, the committee has made a few necessary alterations in some of the formulæ published in 1908.

A number of new preparations have been added after careful examination and it is hoped these will be of service to both the medical profession and the pharmacists of the Dominion.

It is gratifying to the committee to find that in many parts of Canada, the work is highly appreciated by the medical profession, and this interest would be largely increased, if the pharmacists and physicians in each locality would consult together, and offer to the committee suggestions and additional formulæ, according to the requirements of the various localities.

As explained in previous editions, the object of the committee has been to provide a definite standard, for the manufacture of certain pharmaceutical preparations, which are frequently required by the medical profession, but for which there was no uniform or authorized standard up to the time this work was undertaken, and much confusion and inconvenience was caused by the lack of uniformity in the products of various houses marketing preparations known by the same trade names.

It is only by the active support and co-operation of the medical profession that we can hope to gain the full benefits of the work undertaken. It is, therefore, desirable that the physicians of Canada be made acquainted with the existence, contents and objects of this publication, and if this is done by the pharmacists in each locality, we believe that physicians will gladly use and prescribe the "C. F." preparations, instead of designating any particular manufacturer's product.

The committee invite correspondence from all parts of the Dominion on matters pertaining to the Formulary, and will gratefully receive any suggestions as to improvements, or additional formulæ for the next edition. All such formulæ will be carefully considered and practically tested.

Careful consideration will also be given by the committee to any requests for additional formulæ to meet the requirements of the physicians of any particular locality.

It has been the desire of the committee to make this little work of practical value to the pharmacist, who has been obliged to keep in stock a large variety of "brands," all known by practically the same trade name, but made of varying strengths, and exploited by different manufacturers, and greatly to the disadvantage and bewilderment of both physician and pharmacist.

The preparations of the "C. F." were all thoroughly tested before they were adopted, and any one of them can be readily prepared by any pharmacist on his own premises, and we feel that it will be to the advantage of physicians, pharmacists and patients, if the pharmacists of the Dominion will interest themselves in calling the attention of their friends in the medical profession to the advantages of specifying "C. F." preparations in their prescriptions, and using them as frequently as possible.

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