

## CANADIAN MEDICAL PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

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**T**HIS Association has rendered excellent service to the profession since its organization two and a half years ago. It has recently defended successfully Dr. Watts of Moose Creek. The case of Dr. Bird of Gananoque who has to defend an action for damages for tetanus following vaccination, has been taken up by the Association. It is the duty of practitioners in Canada to support the Association. The annual fee is \$2.50, and forms of application can be had from the Secretary, 70 Elgin Street, Ottawa.

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## PARKE, DAVIS & CO.

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**D**URING the past summer I had the pleasure of inspecting the works of Parke, Davis & Co., at Walkerville and Detroit. I do not pretend to give a description of their immense plant. The impression that was indelibly fixed in my mind after going carefully over the whole establishment, was that Parke, Davis & Co. is a firm to be relied on. Every care and precaution is taken to see that the drugs used are pure—that they are standardized and that in the various pharmaceutical compounds the different ingredients are brought together in their proper proportions. Many of their manufacturing processes are carried on by machinery which is almost human, and one cannot help feeling he who attempts to make his own mixtures is wasting his time and turning out an inferior article. A visit to their stables where various animals, mice, guinea-pigs, horses and cattle are carefully prepared, and from which are obtained serums and vaccine is alone worth a visit, and again convinces one that this firm takes all precautions known to modern science to produce a pure and reliable article. Their science laboratories are devoted to research work in pharmacology, chemistry, physiology, bacteriology and sero-therapy. Men trained in these departments are constantly engaged in research and the firm cannot be too highly recommended for their efforts and expenditures in these departments. Altogether the visit was an enjoyable and instructive one, and one that any physician who can possibly do so would do well to make.