

Montreal Notes.

The partnership hitherto existing between Messrs. C. J. Covernton and J. R. Parkin, carrying on business as druggists, under the name of C. J. Covernton & Co., has been dissolved, and a new partnership has been formed between Messrs. J. R. Parkin and T. D. McLeish, who will carry on business also as druggists, under the name of Parkin & McLeish. They also intend opening a new store on the corner of Bleury and Lagachitire sts.

Mr. E. Giroux, late in the employment of Mr. Amand Boyce, cor. St. Lawrence and Craig sts., has purchased the bankrupt stock of his late employer, and has moved to the store recently occupied by Dr. Raymond, cor. St. Catherine and St. Chas. Barrommee sts., which he will carry on as a first-class pharmacy.

Dr. Raymond has given up the drug business and has been appointed Physician to the Montreal gaol, a position which he is well qualified to fill.

Mr. R. J. Devins, whose health has been very poor this last few years, is reported as being much better, and his friends predict a complete restoration to health, which will be good news to his conferees in this city.

A slaughter of the innocents took place at the last preliminary examination of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, as may be seen in the secretary's report in your last number. Of course it is an old tale, any young fellow who cannot pass the matriculation examination for medicine, doesn't hesitate a moment to try the pharmaceutical. They get left sometimes, however.

Mr. Carriere, an enterprising young Montreal pharmacist, has published a handsome card for the office, giving the telephone number of all the druggists and doctors in the city. A copy has been sent to every drug store in town, which cannot fail to be appreciated.

It is a matter of regret that so many drug clerks write badly. It adds greatly to the confidence which people repose in a well appointed drug store, when they see labels neatly and plainly written. A well educated clerk, who writes an uncultivated and indistinct hand, detracts very much from the reputation of the store he serves in. With a firm desire to succeed it should not be a very difficult matter for a youth to improve himself in this respect.

Business on the whole has been fairly satisfactory in Montreal during the past winter. Pneumonia, pleurisy, bronchial and rheumatic affections have been rather prevalent this spring, owing to the changeable weather. Amongst children there has been a good deal of measles and scarlatina of a mild type, with only a few deaths. It is impossible to speak intelligently of "La Grippe," as almost any cold is dubbed with that title now.

Mr. H. Lyman, who has held the office of honorary secretary of the Federation League for some years, received a very

cordial vote of thanks on his retiring from that position recently.

Recently in this city a private customer purchased a few bottles of Malino at a certain wholesale drug house at the same price charged to retail druggists. Is this competition wise?

The College of Pharmacy, under its present energetic management, has had a new furnace put in and hot water registers placed in every room. Next winter the students will have no cause to complain of cold class rooms. Several other improvements are in contemplation.

Election Notes.

Toronto, under the new system of distribution to secure representatives on the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, is entitled to two members.

For the Eastern Division, Mr. Daniels, to represent the governing power of the Council, and Mr. Jeffrey, to advance the claims of Professors Shuttleworth and Avison, are in the field; while for the Western Division, Mr. McKenzie, the energetic Vice-President of the Toronto Druggists' Association, and a warm advocate of the druggists-first idea, is being opposed by Mr. Gibbard, a new-comer, in the interests of the Professors.

Mr. McKenzie seems determined to fight for the position he has taken on this question, and has issued the following self-explanatory circular:

To the Retail Druggists of Toronto:

GENTLEMEN,—I learned with some surprise that the druggists of the city have been waited on by Mr. Jeffrey, seeking to withdraw support from my candidature. My surprise is increased when I recall the statement he frequently made to me, and other members of the Council Board, as well as to others outside the trade, while he was acting as Chairman of Education Committee:—"That the Professors' actions over the agreement matter were so tiresome and disgusting that we must get them signed to any agreement and then we can dismiss them." This is not a personal matter—I am fighting for a non-political pharmaceutical head to the School, and there never can be confidence or peace until that is assured. I have stood for that principle, and cannot be accused of turning right about face when the crisis came. I disclaim being either Anti-Shuttleworth or Shuttleworth. I shall uphold the rights of the Council and seek to free the School from friction with the Board.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. MACKENZIE.

A report of the meeting of the Middlesex and Elgin Druggists' Association has just reached us, too late for insertion. The officers for last year were re-elected, a resolution condemnatory of the present Council passed, Mr. A. Lawrence nominated as a candidate for Councillor and other minor business transacted.

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