

dubious; the manufacturing pharmacist with his ready made prescriptions, the grocer with his soap, the dry goods man with perfumes and toilet goods, the confectioner with soda water, are all dividing the druggist's trade with him, and all this leaving out of the question the department store. I do not wish to be pessimistic, nor to send the members of this society away in doubt as to whether they will have any business left in ten years, but the question to which we must give our attention is, What can we do, either as a society or as a movement under the auspices of a society, to enable us to hold back the storm for a few more years and to be ready when it comes? While this question may not be pertinent to this meeting, still, as I said before, it will do no harm to think it over, even if we take a year to do so. That something can be done to hold back the movement for a time the action of the Ontario druggists has demonstrated to us, and as additional evidence of success I would point out a case which is now before the Supreme Court of New York, in which a certain wholesale firm is applying for an injunction against the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, because the members of this society are cutting off the firm's supplies, knowing that it is in the habit of supplying cutters. As we stand here in New Brunswick we have been fortunate so far, but in Upper Canada, and even in Nova Scotia, the members of our calling have not been so lucky. I have given the matter some little thought, and it has occurred to me, merely as a suggestion to be offered to this society, that a committee might be formed under its auspices, to report from time to time to the council, whose duty it should be to put themselves in communication with the Society of Ontario Retail Druggists, and when it is thought necessary to send notices to the retail trade in this province, and so furnish them with such information as may enable them to guide themselves according to circumstances. The cost of postal cards and printing would be small, and the utility to the trade would certainly be appreciable, but this is for you to decide. The question is one of vital importance to us all, and I have felt it to be my duty to bring it before you. There is another matter that might perhaps be dealt with by the new council, that is, having a clause added to the act relating to the time of holding the annual meeting. I think I am stating the sentiments of the present council when I say that they consider June a little too early in the year for holding the meeting, and that a clause might be added allowing us a little more latitude in this respect.

I wish to tender my thanks to officers and members of the council for the kind and courteous manner in which they have given me their assistance during the term, and thanking you all, gentlemen, for the patience with which you have listened to this address, I have the honor to be,

Yours faithfully,

M. V. PADDOCK, President.

Vigorous applause followed the delivery of the president's able and instructive address, and Mr. R. W. McCarty voiced the sentiments of all present when he moved a hearty vote of thanks. This was seconded by Mr. Clinton Brown, and carried unanimously. It was also resolved that the address should be embalmed in the minutes. As the hour was getting late, it was resolved to have Mr. C. W. Clarke's paper on pharmaceutical subjects read after dinner.

Mr. W. H. Clarke enquired if council had taken any steps towards obtaining legislation exempting registered druggists from jury duty. It was found that a committee had been appointed, but on account of various delays no decided action had been taken. It was resolved that this matter and also time of holding the annual meeting and the changes required in regulations of examinations, including Mr. Wiley's motion concerning apprentices, should all be referred to the new council to deal with, accompanied by a request that they shall have early and thorough attention.

Mr. T. R. Wren called attention to the cutting of prices in Ontario and the efforts being made to suppress the cutters, and, after short speeches from several members, Mr. W. H. Clark moved that a committee be formed to correspond with the Retail Druggists' Associations of Ontario and elsewhere, and report at next annual meeting, and suggested as such committee Messrs. R. E. Coupe, M. V. Paddock, and C. Walter Clarke. This was seconded and carried.

On motion of Mr. C. W. Clarke, the President requested Messrs. W. H. Clark and W. H. Mowatt to prepare and read papers on pharmaceutical subjects at next annual meeting. Mr. R. E. Coupe moved that the proceedings be printed and a copy mailed to each member of the society. This was seconded and carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting—and the supper gong of the neighboring hotel having sounded—a motion to adjourn was put and carried with commendable promptness.

Annual Meeting of District No. 10— Perth, Oxford, and Norfolk.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE—ALL ENTERTAINED—EVERYONE HAPPY—MORE WILL MEET THE NEXT MEETING.

"Ho for Port Dover!" was what the druggists of District No. 10 said on Thursday, June 25th, and "Hurrah for Port Dover!" was what they said when they returned on Saturday morning in time for business, happy, sunburnt, and feeling much the better for a day's outing. "All work and no play" makes both Jack and his master dull, and the meeting of the Pharmaceutical Association of District No. 10 at Port Dover on Thursday evening was called to allow the members who attended a chance to surprise themselves with a day out of their stores and

away from business. The result of the meeting was a great success; the attendance was not as large as expected, but still more than twenty members were present, and it is safe to say that when the next meeting is called those who were there will be on hand, and will bring others with them. As it was to be an evening meeting, none appeared anxious to go to it until the sights of the village were viewed. The monster new ferry-boat, taking out a moonlight excursion, almost tempted the members to get on board, but about 9.30 they gathered in the parlor of the Dominion Hotel, and proceeded to business. Among those present were Mr. N. A. Bosworth, Stratford; C. E. Nasmyth, Stratford; W. B. Barley, Mitchell; H. W. Ainsley, Port Dover; R. M. Taylor, Port Dover; C. Austin, Simcoe; G. Myers, Delhi; G. W. Walley, Ingersoll; Dr. Anderson and Mr. Anderson, jr., Burgessville; Messrs. Edmunds and Layton, Norwich; W. A. Karn, J. G. Karn, J. F. Pepper, and D. A. White, Woodstock; Mr. J. S. Mills, Jarvis, of District No. 9; Mr. J. Mattinson, of London Drug Co.

After the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, President Karn shortly reviewed the work of the year. The officers of the year were then elected, Mr. W. A. Karn declining to be re-elected.

Mr. N. A. Bosworth, of Stratford, elected president; Mr. H. N. Ainsley, of Port Dover, elected vice-president; Mr. D. A. White, of Woodstock, re-elected secretary-treasurer. The members then listened with attention to Messrs. Nasmyth, Bosworth, and Mills tell what it was like to have cutting to compete against, and what they did to combat it, and how they succeeded.

Mr. W. A. Karn told the success the Infringement Committee of the O.C.P. had had, and what they were doing, also giving a full account of his work in college matters.

Messrs. Pepper and Austin then spoke at length as to what the new association had done, what they were doing, and what they intended to do, giving much information and showing that great good had already been accomplished, and still greater was hoped for.

Mr. Mattinson, of the London Drug Company, spoke of the friendly relations existing between the wholesalers and the retailers.

Full discussion on all these subjects ensued, and all the speakers had to answer a running fire of questions that reminded one of an election meeting had it been before the 23rd.

Moved by Mr. Bosworth, seconded by H. W. Ainsley, and *resolved*, "That the secretary write the Ontario Society of Retail Druggists asking them to act with decision in the matter of cutting that still exists."

Moved by C. E. Nasmyth, seconded by H. W. Ainsley, and *resolved*, "That the Council and the Ontario Society of Retail Druggists be requested to use their influence to have Paris green and sulphate