

Trade Notes

G. A. Ostrander has opened a new drug store at Carman, Man.

F. A. Wilson has opened a new drug store at Morden, Man.

A. Archibald has opened a new drug store at Kimberley, B.C.

A. M. Kune & Co. have opened a new drug store at Rathwell, Man.

A. E. Kelly is opening a new drug store at Cypress River, Man.

The drug store of B. J. Sharp, Sussex, N.B., was destroyed by fire Oct. 6th.

F. C. Silcock, Montreal, Que., has registered the Oxol Fluid Beef Company.

Felix Rainville, Montreal, Que., has registered as the Dr. Martin Medicine Co.

C. M. Eddington, formerly of Winnipeg, has opened a new drug store in Vancouver, B.C.

The Woodward Medicine Co., Toronto, Ont., have established their U. S. house at 19 to 27 Gull St., Buffalo, N. Y.

H. H. Lyons, druggist, corner of Inspector and St. Antoine streets, Montreal, Que., has made an assignment.

The McKenzie-Snyder Co., Limited, have purchased the drug milling business of Fielding & Kennedy, Simcoe street.

Chas. Whitehead, who was formerly in the drug business in Winnipeg, Man., contemplates opening a new drug store in that city.

W. H. Stepler, druggist, Strathroy, Ont., is moving his business to his new store, directly opposite the old stand on Front St.

A. E. Waldon, of the firm of McGlathan & Waldon, manufacturers' agents and drug jobbers, Winnipeg, died suddenly Sept. 10th.

A charter has been granted incorporating "The French Medical Company," Montreal. Capital \$25,000 in 500 shares of \$50 each.

Application for incorporation has been made by the "Franco-Canadian Soap Manufacturing Company," with head offices at Montreal.

The Canadian Specialty Co., dealers in druggists' specialties, have removed from 38 Front St. E., Toronto, Ont., to 118 King St. East.

Chas. Campbell, formerly with Messrs. Cairncross & Lawrence, druggists, London, Ont., was banquetted by his friends before leaving for Winnipeg, Man.

A charter of incorporation has been granted to "The Montreal Dry Plate Company," for the manufacturer of photographers' dry plates. Capital stock \$20,000 in shares of \$10 each.

The partnership heretofore existing between John H. Winn and Philip H. Holland, under the name of Winn & Holland, Montreal, Que., and representing the United Alkali Co., of England, has been dissolved.

Montreal Notes.

The *Chemist and Druggist*, London, of Sept. 23rd, thinks that the formulas recommended by the Canadian Committee for insertion in the B. P. additions, require careful revision. Perhaps it would be as well to leave Syr. Ferri, Iodid. alone and drop Syr. acid. Hydriodici, Syr. Hypophosphitum, and two or three other preparations from the list. Modern science does not point their way and advanced physicians do not prescribe these things very much. Let the committee stick to preparations peculiar to Canada of recognized value.

The general opinion amongst pharmacists who have occupied public positions, either as examiners or office bearers in this province, is, that there are grave difficulties to be overcome before Dominion licenses to practice pharmacy can be granted; nevertheless if a practical solution of the matter can be arrived at so much the better, no one will oppose it.

It is evident that a Central Examining Board would be necessary, or there would never be absolute uniformity. Then again, those who now hold provincial licenses will have to be taken into consideration in any scheme proposed. Furthermore, it looks as though a change in the Act of Confederation will be necessary before the Federal Government can legislate on the curriculum of study and standard of education to be required from applicants for Dominion registration, whether medical or pharmaceutical.

When an application was made to the late Sir John A. Macdonald asking him to bring in a bill whereby a license issued in one province would hold good in all the other provinces, he stated that education had been entrusted to the local legislatures, and that each was supreme in its own province, and that a Dominion Act laying down a curriculum of study

and a standard of examination for the whole Dominion would be *ultra vires*.

It is exceedingly doubtful if the clauses of the Confederation Act recently quoted by Dr. Reddick, M.P., will warrant the interference of the Federal Parliament. It would perhaps be better to have the opinion through Government, of the law officers of the Crown, before moving in the matter. If the thing is practicable there will be little difficulty about finding a platform agreeable to all.

A very good suggestion has been made in London that pharmacy students should be taught bookkeeping and commercial methods. It is asserted that in most retail drug failures a most lamentable want of business methods is shown by the badly kept books. Many pharmacists feel their deficiency in this respect. A gold medallist is not always the best man behind the counter.

Another drug failure has taken place in Montreal. It was announced last evening in the *Star* that Messrs. R. W. Webb & Co., of St. Catherine street, had succumbed. Messrs. Lyman Sons & Co., so far as known, appear to be the principal creditors. Obviously a good many must go to the wall before the retail drug business can be made to pay in Montreal.

A Craig street druggist advertises that he will dispense prescriptions at half the price the public have to pay in other pharmacies. If this gentleman means what he says he would certainly be a heavy loser when called upon to supply French specialties by physician's prescription, as Montreal pharmacists often have to do.

News Items.

The Louisiana (U. S.) State Legislature has passed an act making it unlawful to sell at retail cocaine, morphine and opium, or its preparations, except on a physician's prescription. The violation of this law is punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or not more than 30 days' imprisonment.

The first lot of exhibits from Canada for the Paris exhibition of 1900 will be sent from Montreal about Nov. 9th. We believe several of our leading manufacturers of chemicals, etc., have decided to send exhibits.

The Dominion Oil Cloth Co., of Montreal, is about to enter extensively into the crushing of flax seed, and have built a factory on Notre Dame St. for that purpose.