

promising outlook for a good crop, there is no lack of confidence as to the future. In collections and financial matters a marked improvement is noticed.

Mr. J. A. Wright, Boissevain, made a business trip to Winnipeg last week.

Dr. R. Wheeler, proprietor of the Birtle Drug Store, Birtle, was in Winnipeg a few days ago.

Mr. C. H. Cranston, as previously announced, has opened his new drug store on the corner of Main street and Pacific avenue. His store has been fitted with entirely new fixtures manufactured from choice British Columbia cedar.

Mr. Joseph Taylor, of Portage la Prairie, and Mr. A. T. Andrews, of Gladstone, were in Winnipeg last week.

A case occasioning much interest to the drug trade, more especially in Manitoba, was the recent prosecution of Mr. D. M. Sutherland, of Boissevain, for selling poisons illegally.

It appears that Mr. Sutherland has been conducting a drug business under the name of a registered physician in that place, but evidence adduced at the trial clearly established his interest and proprietorship in the business, and he was consequently fined \$20 and costs.

But few cases of this kind have come under the immediate notice of the association, but such cases as have been brought before them have been dealt with in a manner which shows the determination of the association to protect the trade in every possible way, and to preserve the utility of the act.

Prince Edward Island Notes.

There is nothing but news of new drug stores from Prince Edward Island. In Charlottetown, Mr. Watson has moved into a new drug store opposite the Queen street entrance to the market, one of the very best business stands in the city. The new store is an exceedingly handsome and well-arranged establishment, and in every way well adapted for the extensive and constantly growing business of this old and popular house. The store is the one recently occupied by Messrs. George Carter & Co. Since the latter firm vacated it, extensive improvements and alterations have been made, until it has been transformed into a store in which Mr. Watson can carry on his business to the best advantage, and one which his many customers find it a pleasure to visit. It has been fitted up in style second to none, and is in every sense a model of convenience and beauty. To the right, on entering, is the counter, behind which is an ample extent of drawers, finished in mahogany, above the same being a good shelf area of ash, thrown into strong relief by the chocolate coloring of the walls. On the opposite side of the store is the shelving for proprietary preparations, and, below, ample lockers surmounted by show cases. The rear of the store is separated from the front by a dispensing screen and large mirror. The dispensary is entered through two Gothic arches, decorated

with illuminated gold panels. The dispensing department is on a larger scale than any in Charlottetown, and its accessibility, as well as its excellent arrangements, are noticeable features. The window space is one of the best features about Mr. Watson's new quarters. It is the largest in Charlottetown, and gives splendid opportunity for beautiful display in window dressing. The store is brilliantly lighted by electricity throughout, and presents a most attractive appearance from without as well as within. There are a large manufacturing department, a private office, and ample storage room on the three flats, making the new store the largest in Charlottetown.

Mr. Davies has also made a move, and is now doing business in the store known as Beale's corner, on the north side of Queen square, near Mr. Rankin's drug store. The shop is neatly fitted up, and presents a clean appearance with its white shelving and bright glassware. Mr. Davies' is headquarters for soda waters, and his handsome fountain adds greatly to the appearance of the store.

Mr. Arthur Reddin has severed his connection with Messrs. Reddin Bros., and intends starting business for himself in a short time.

Mr. J. Alfred Gourlie, of Summerside, has completed one of the finest drug stores in the Maritime Provinces, where he will now be better than ever prepared to serve his large patronage.

Nova Scotia Notes.

The examinations of the Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Society take place on June 11th and 12th. The annual meeting will be held immediately after.

There has been some agitation in drug circles of late anent the advance in price of alcohol, necessitated by the increase in duty. The leading druggists of Halifax have joined their Montreal confrères in protesting against this increase in the value of spirits for manufacturing purposes.

R. O. Christie, who for some years carried on a drug business at Springhill, N.S., died at Truro on May 23rd. Although Mr. Christie had been in poor health for some time, he was very hopeful, and his rather sudden death has been a source of surprise, as well as grief, to his friends.

The marriage of H. W. Cameron, druggist, of Brunswick street, to Miss Crawford, also of Halifax, was celebrated on May 31st. The event was attended by a very large number of friends, and the popularity of the bride and groom was evidenced by the large number of handsome and valuable presents which they received.

Mr. Chas. T. G. Taylor, of Bridgewater, paid a visit to Halifax lately. The cares of the retail drug business do not seem to wear very much on Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Percy B. Dakin, brother of R. B. Dakin, druggist, of Windsor, has secured

a position in the Ordnance Drug Store, Halifax.

We are glad to see our friend, Mr. G. V. Rand, the veteran druggist of Wolfeville, again at his post after a severe illness.

Mr. Alfred A. Patterson, who has been spending the greater part of the past two years in South Africa, is now *en route* to England, from whence he will return to his old position in Halifax.

Mr. L. R. MacLaren, formerly with R. C. Fuller & Co., of Amherst, and more lately with H. Paxton Baird, of Woodstock, N.B., has purchased the drug business of F. S. Kinsman & Co., of Digby.

Mr. Geo. T. MacDonald, formerly of F. S. Kinsman & Co., has opened a drug store in Shelburne, N.S.

Many of the Halifax druggists are at present taking advantage of the fishing season, which is at its height. Among the more ardent lovers of the sport is Mr. Frank C. Simson, who recently returned from a trip to the Gaspereaux Lakes, reporting the trip enjoyable, and fishing good.

Troches of Phosphorated Chocolate.

Phosphorus is one of the most valuable of remedies, having a wide range of usefulness in the treatment of rachitis, sexual neuroses, etc., but its employment has hitherto been very much curtailed by unsatisfactory methods of exhibition. Up to very recently its solution in oil has been the most convenient, as well as the most certain, method of employment, neither the elixir nor the pills giving entire satisfaction. The objection to the oil on the part of the patient, however, is well known, and the apothecary as well as the physician, and their client, the patient, will hail with satisfaction the following device for its exhibition in the shape of chocolate troches, for which we are indebted to Professor Gartner, in the *Pharmaceutische Wochenschrift*.

A weighed quantity of phosphorus is dissolved in an equal quantity of melted cacao butter, and the solution filtered to get rid of any possible particle of so highly poisonous a substance. To this mass add sugar and cacao in powder, previously de-fatted, and spices to suit the taste; or, if desired, a sufficient quantity of prepared chocolate, freed of fat, may be used instead.

The mass is worked up in a mortar (or, in quantities, in a mixing machine) until a homogeneous mixture insuring perfect subdivision of the phosphorus is obtained. It is then divided into troches holding the desired quantity of phosphorus, in the usual manner. A convenient amount for each troche, as suggested by Professor Gartner, is a quarter of a milligram, or about $\frac{1}{16}$ of a grain, which is the ordinary dose for a child. The pastilles are then coated, first with gelatin or other coating, and finally with pure chocolate. — *National Druggist*.