

(c) Make calculation showing how much anhydrous phosphate of iron (Fe_3Po_4)₂ is contained in each fluid ounce.

Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Society.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Society was held at Halifax, June 17th, 1897. The following is a synopsis of the address of Mr. Frank C. Simson, President of the Society:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen

In this my second annual address to you, I take pleasure in reporting the good progress and the good order in which the affairs of the society are, as evidenced by the reports of the council, treasurer, and registrar respectively.

In the date of our meeting last year, we were rather unfortunate, as the many counter engagements at the time, rendered the attendance very small, and this year, apparently for the same cause, it is very little better.

We had anticipated this year the pleasure of having Professor Remington, of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy with us, and to have enjoyed a lecture from him, but unfortunately his time was so fully occupied it was impossible for him to be here. This, however, is one of the pleasures in anticipation still.

Among the reports you have that of the delegates to the American Pharmaceutical Association, and I might say here that while our society has in the past been entitled to three delegates, I think the number almost too great for the finances of the society, and while recommending the sending of delegates from this association to such conventions whenever practicable, the number under the present circumstances should be limited to two.

I think that during the past year the general success of the drug business has not been what we would wish, I am still of the opinion expressed last year, viz., that this is largely due to the encroachments made on our business through the multiplicity of proprietary articles that are being foisted upon us. I think a decided stand should be taken by our members, and every possible means used to keep the dispensing of drugs confined to articles within the Pharmacopoeia. Under present conditions some concern will canvass the physicians with some new-fangled idea, in which he wants the long suffering wholesaler to carry stock for him at a margin of about 10 per cent. The article is passed through the retailer, who has to dispense it at a ruinous rate, and in the end when this fad is exhausted, both the wholesaler and the retailer find more of these goods left on their shelves than the amount of the little margin they have made. The pharmacists of this country are sufficiently educated to dispense the medicines required, and it is certainly a wrong state of things that we should be compelled to dispense proprietary articles and mixtures which must often become old and damaged on the shelves, while in

every instance better results could be obtained from the fresh drug dispensed by our competent pharmacists. I would strongly recommend this matter to your attention.

Before closing, it is fitting that I should refer to the celebration of this Diamond Jubilee year. Looking back as far as we can, we see the great progress made in our profession since the beginning of Victoria's glorious reign.

Thanking you gentlemen for your kind attention.

The following is the report of delegates from Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Society to the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association, at Montreal, August 12th to 20th, 1896.

Your committee acknowledge with pleasure the honor conferred on them in the appointment of delegates to the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association, held in Montreal in August, 1896. This is the second meeting which this association has held in Canada, and the second time that a Canadian president has been elected. The association has been increasing in numbers until it now contains a membership of 1,558, embracing most of the prominent nations of the world. The meeting this year showed the international character of the association, and a Canadian, Mr. J. Eugene Davenant, was appointed to the committee of legislation, secretary of the commercial interests.

Two of your committee left Halifax on Monday, August 10th, and were joined at Truro by Mr. Odell, and then proceeded to Montreal by the C.P.R. At Montreal they were cordially received and welcomed at the meeting, at which the attendance was not as large as usual, principally because of the hot wave, which was passing over the country at the time. It was the intention of a large party from the members attending to take a trip to Nova Scotia after leaving Montreal; to visit the Land of Evangeline and return home *via* Boston, but this plan was frustrated on account of the leader of the party, Mr. S. A. D. Sheppard, of Boston, being taken ill.

The first session was held on the evening of the 12th, when the delegates were welcomed by the president of the Quebec Pharmaceutical Association, who was replied to in a very witty speech from Professor Patch, of Boston, after which followed the president's address, which is well worth perusing. One of the strong points that the president makes in this is the adoption of the metric system by many of the larger nations of the world, and his belief that this system will in a short time be used by all of North America, and in which he pointed out that Great Britain and the United States were the only influential nations which have not adopted the metric system. The address was received and referred to a committee composed of Dr. Louis Diehl, of Louisville,

Dr. F. H. Butler, of Lowell, and Frank C. Simson. After the address of the president a motion was passed to send a cable of greetings to the meeting of the International Pharmaceutical Association of Prague, Austria.

The reports were then called for and referred to the following day, after which the roll was called for the nominating committee, of which Mr. Simson represented Nova Scotia.

The nomination for president proceeded in a hurried manner. J. C. Morrison, of Montreal, and J. E. Davenant, of Windsor, were proposed, and Mr. Morrison was elected.

In the evening a reception was tendered in the parlors of the Windsor Hotel, where the members and their friends were entertained, and there were many hearty greetings between friends from the east and west, and north and south, who probably seldom meet except at the annual conventions.

The following day three sessions were held, the general session, and two sessions of commercial interest. On Friday, in the morning the section for scientific papers met and proposed to adjourn until the evening, which was done. In the afternoon the members enjoyed a pleasant ride on the electric cars through Montreal and suburbs, and again in the evening, at 8.30 the adjourned meeting of the section on scientific papers was held. Saturday there were again three sessions and Sunday was devoted to rest.

On Monday the association had a trip on the St. Lawrence River, through the Canal, running the Lachine Rapids, and returning to Montreal. As most of the important business was now over, and the time of your delegates was limited, they left for home on Monday night.

The next meeting of the association will be held at Lake Minnetonka, near Minneapolis.

The many good things said at the meeting are too voluminous to detail here, and the larger part of the proceedings has been reported in the pharmaceutical journals. We would expressly call your attention to the excellent address and suggestions of Prof. Louis Diehl, on the report of the progress of pharmacy, and the report of the delegates to the British Medical Association.

In closing this report we thank the N. S. P. S. for the treat we were able to enjoy, as we came in contact with men of our profession, who would stimulate even the least ambitious to become better druggists. This one thing alone would pay any druggist to visit the meeting of the association which takes place in New York, in 1898.

MYDROL.—First named by Barbiano, iodine-methyl-phenyl-pyrazolon. A mydriatic of marked power which acts slowly but whose effects are lasting.