

tions and correcting the papers, and in the oral examinations, were provided for. These suggestions were finally adopted by your council at its meeting held in November last, and the changes were put into force at the last April examinations, and, as far as your council is informed, worked satisfactorily.

Your council is pleased to report that, in the action taken against Mr. Joseph Hamel, for being illegally in partnership with Dr. J. M. Dionne, of Victoriaville, Judge Plamondin had rendered judgment in favor of the association, condemning the defendant to the penalty of \$25 and costs.

Actions were also taken against the following persons, namely: Dr. J. A. M. Eli, of Sherbrooke, for selling a poison by an unregistered clerk, and a second action against the same person, for having in his employ an unregistered clerk. In the first of these actions judgment was rendered against the association, not on the merits of the case, but on account of the witness, who was relied upon to prove the sale of the poison, when put into the witness-box, forgetting everything; even when the man from whom he had said he had purchased the poison was pointed out to him in court, he swore that he did not know him and had never seen him in his life; therefore our proof failed, and the judge dismissed the case. The second action was proved to the satisfaction of the court, and judgment was rendered in favor of the association. In giving judgment in this case, Judge White placed on record his opinion that proprietary medicines were drugs within the meaning of the Pharmacy Act, and therefore no unregistered person was qualified to sell these articles, or any other drugs.

Action was taken against W. A. Dyer for illegally carrying on a drug store, he having failed to register as required by the Pharmacy Act. This case was settled by the defendant confessing judgment and paying costs and arrear fees.

Action was taken against Madame Taschereau, of Sorel, for keeping open a drug store in contravention of the Act, she being neither a Licentiate of Pharmacy or a physician, duly encribed as a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of this province. This case has been in court since September last, the defendant's attorney having filed an objection to the form of action. This delayed the case, but in March last these objections were overruled by the court, and the case was heard upon its merits at the April court term before Judge Ouimet, and by him taken *en delibere*, but as yet no judgment has been rendered.

Actions were taken as test cases against the S. Carsley Co., Ltd., H. & N. E. Hamilton, two departmental stores, and also against the co-operative grocery company and Messrs. Boisvert Brothers, all of this city, for selling proprietary medicines and other drugs contrary to the Statute. After lengthy arguments by the defendant's attorneys, and ably argued on behalf of

the association by Mr. Brossea, the association's attorney, the cases were taken *en delibere* by Judge Dugas, who, after having carefully studied the law, gave judgment in favor of the association, condemning each of the parties sued to the penalty of \$25 and costs. These actions were taken to prove that none but druggists could sell drugs, proprietary medicine being compound drugs under the Pharmacy Act. Appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench has been taken by two of the parties sued, but the association's attorney is quite confident that they have no right of appeal and that the appeals will be dismissed.

The question of applying to the Legislature for amendment to the Pharmacy Act was discussed by your council, but no action was taken thereon. It will, therefore, be for the new council to decide whether anything in that way will be undertaken during the next session of the Legislature.

Your council have had communication with the council of the British Pharmaceutical Society, with a view of coming to some understanding regarding reciprocal interchange of diplomas, but have to regret that these communications failed, the British society declining reciprocal interchange, on the ground that they had no power under their charter to accept certificates from other bodies.

Your council have to regret the death of Mr. Alfred Henry Mason, a member of this association, and, at one time, president of the Montreal College of Pharmacy, and at its meeting held in November last passed the following resolution:

Moved by Mr. A. Robert, seconded by Mr. A. D. Mann, That this association having learned, with deep regret, of the death of Mr. Alfred Henry Mason, a member of this association, desire to convey to his family their deep sympathy in their sad bereavement, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of the deceased. Your council also regret the death of Mr. Lewis Robitaille, of Joliette, an old member of the association.

Your council have had under consideration the question of druggists selling alcohol, wines, and liquors, and with a view of obtaining some concessions in favor of druggists, a memorial was addressed to the late provincial treasurer asking that druggists be allowed to sell alcohol up to one gallon for medical and mechanical purposes, and that they be allowed to sell wines and other liquors, for strictly medicinal purposes only, up to ten ounces, without a medical certificate, but that upon each sale an entry be made in the poison sales register book, the same as is required for the sale of poison, at the same time requesting the government to withdraw from druggists the right of taking out a license to sell liquors as allowed at present, to this communication no reply has been given, except a simple acknowledgment of its having been received and promising consid-

eration. Perhaps it might be advisable for the new council to follow up this matter with the new government.

Your council communicated with the present federal government upon the subject of the price of alcohol, setting forth by a petition signed by the majority of the members of the association, the desirability of making the import and excise duties equal, so that druggists could obtain their alcohol where it could be purchased to the best advantage.

Your council regrets that this petition failed, and that instead of reduction being obtained, the duty on alcohol has been increased; but this matter has not been allowed to drop here, as your council has appointed a committee to wait upon the Premier and Minister of Customs, to see if some concessions may not yet be obtained.

Your council would take this opportunity of informing your members that a new edition of the poison sales register book has been printed, and that the price to the members will, in future, be \$1 each.

The regular board of examiners held their semi-annual examinations as follows:

In Quebec on the 13th and 14th of October, 1896, when ten candidates for the major and nineteen for the minor examinations presented themselves; of these, four major and nine minor candidates passed. In Montreal, from the 20th to the 24th of April, 1897, inclusive, when twenty-four candidates for the major and twenty for the minor examinations presented themselves; of these, seven major and ten minor candidates were successful.

The preliminary board of examiners held their quarterly examinations in July, October, January, and April last, when 118 candidates enrolled their names, and of these twenty-nine passed.

The registrar reports upon the registers in good standing as follows:

Two hundred and eight licentiates, fifty-six certified clerks, 160 apprentices, and thirty-three physicians, licensed under the provisions of Art. 4035A of the Quebec Pharmacy Act. The registrar also reports that three members on the roll have resigned, and that thirteen have not paid their fees for the past year.

The treasurer's financial statement will be laid before you, showing a balance on hand on April 30th, 1897, as follows: In Bank du Peuple, \$1,591.47; in City and District Savings Bank, \$1,527.85; and cash on hand, \$37.99, making a total balance of \$3,157.31.

The registrar's books and treasurer's financial statement have been duly audited by the auditors appointed by the council, and by them signed and certified correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Adhesive plaster which cannot be taken off easily yields to the influence of olive oil and turpentine.