

Pharmaceutical Department.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the "Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec" was held in the Rooms of Laval University, Quebec, on Tuesday, June 11th, 1878—Mr. Edmond Giroux, President, in the Chair.

Before entering on the business of the Meeting, the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, held in Montreal, June 11th, 1877, were read by Mr. E. Muir, Registrar and Secretary, and duly confirmed, after which the President delivered a short and interesting address. At its conclusion, the Secretary read the Annual Report of the proceedings of the Council for the past year, and Mr. J. Kerry, Treasurer, presented the Financial Statement, duly audited.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

The Council of the "Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec" have much pleasure in presenting to its Members the Report of the Proceedings of the past year, and Financial Statement to April 30th, 1878.

There have been five Regular and two Special Meetings of the Council, and two meetings of the Board of Examiners during the year. The first of these meetings was held in Quebec on the 19th of June last, at which the following officers were elected, namely: Edmond Giroux, President; Alex. Manson, 1st Vice-President; Roderick McLeod, 2nd Vice-President; John Kerry, Treasurer; and Ebenezer Muir, Registrar and Secretary; also the following gentlemen as the Board of Examiners: H. R. Gray, N. Mercer, R. McLeod, J. B. Martel, H. F. Jackson, A. Manson, and J. D. L. Ambrosse.

The Council regret to report that a vacancy occurred in their body by the lamented death, by drowning, of Mr. James Goulden, who had been a member of the Council of the Association since its formation. Mr. W. A. Dyer was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

It was suggested in the Report of last year, that the then incoming Council should consider the question of obtaining amendments to the Pharmacy Act. Acting under this suggestion, your Council have had at several of its meetings, this question before them, and, after due consideration, deemed it expedient that the matter should be deferred until another session. They would, however, recommend that the new Council should take the necessary steps to secure the amendments required at the next session of the Legislature. Several points for amendment to the Act have been suggested; among others the following: "Power to compel physicians to take out a license under the Act"; "To prevent country

storekeepers and grocers selling drugs and medicines"; "To regulate the position of Apprentices, and prevent them occupying positions of responsibility in Drug Stores"; To compel licentiates keeping Branch Stores to place them in charge of a duly qualified "Licentiate in Pharmacy"; and "to make proper provision (in case of the death of a Licentiate) for the carrying on of his business under certain restrictions". These few points your Council would recommend the new Council to take into their careful consideration.

Your Council are happy to state there have been no cases of infringement of the Act, which in their opinion rendered it necessary to take legal action.

Your Council would draw attention to the fact that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, as re-constructed by an Act of Parliament passed during the Session of 1875-76, have repealed all clauses of their former Act relating to Pharmacy; showing conclusively that they recognize the Pharmaceutical Association as the Legal Licensing body of this Province.

It has been deemed advisable that additions should be made to the Schedule of Poisons; for this purpose a Committee was appointed to draft a list of additions, for submission to the Council, this Committee has not yet reported, and your Council would recommend that action be taken in this matter by the incoming Council. A request was made in the report of last year that the Members should send to the Registrar any written suggestions they might have to make on points for consideration, as amendments to the Act; your Council regret to say that very few responses to this request have been received.

The Board of Examiners, under the direction of the Council held examinations in Laval University, Quebec, in June last, at which three candidates for the Major, four for the Minor, and four for the Preliminary Examinations presented themselves. Of these, two for the Minor and two for the Preliminary Examinations were referred back for further study.

The regular Annual Examinations were held in Montreal on the 25th and 26th of April last, at which meeting eight applicants for Major, thirteen for the Minor, and one for the Preliminary Examinations presented themselves. Of these seven of the Major and eleven of the Minor passed and received their Certificates; one of the Major and two of the Minor Candidates failed to receive the required number of marks, and were therefore referred back for further study.

The Registrar reports on the Register for 1877-'78 the following, namely:—122 Licentiates and Members, 24 Certified Clerks and 64 Certified Apprentices.

The Treasurer's Financial Statement will be laid on the table for your inspection; it shows a balance on hand of \$208.77.

The Council would take this opportunity of recording their thanks to the Rector of Laval University, Quebec, for his kindness in placing the rooms of the University at the disposal of the Association,