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Our Changes.

We take pleasure in presenting our readers this number of the *CANADIAN DRUGGIST* somewhat changed in matter of form, and we believe improved in appearance. The first page will in future have an index of the contents of the number, besides which a full index will appear with the January issue of each year giving the contents for the previous twelve months.

The advertising pages, although still facing reading in every case, will be so placed that the leaves containing advertisements may be detached from the others without spoiling the journal for binding purposes; for instance, the pages of advertisements facing pages 50 and 51 when detached will also remove those facing 62 and 63.

A little over four years ago we issued the initial number of the *CANADIAN DRUGGIST*, somewhat faulty, perhaps, in appearance and experimental in the field it aimed to occupy. We started out with good intentions and good promises. We intended to make it the leading exponent in pharmaceutical matters, both as to practical pharmacy and in matters of trade. We promised to do what lay in our power for the advancement of pharmacy and the legitimate business of the practical druggist. How far we have succeeded, our readers may determine for themselves. Certainly, the encouraging words we have received from a large number of our readers lead us to feel that our efforts have been appreciated, and that the *DRUGGIST* holds the foremost position with the drug trade of Canada. It is perhaps needless to say that the height of our ambition has not yet been reached; no enterprise, however successful in its sphere, or which

has apparently reached the zenith of its existence, can afford to stop at that point but must progress as time moves on. These are days of progress, of increasing intelligence, of laudable ambition, and we must keep pace with the times. Our success in the past augurs well for the future, and with the assistance of our friends, the druggists of Canada, we intend to make such progress as will reflect credit on modern pharmacy and on the members of the craft in the Dominion.

Is a Druggist an Apothecary.

A case of interest to druggists has just been heard in the Court of Common Pleas at Toronto. In October last Samuel Howarth, druggist, of Yonge street, Toronto, was convicted by Police Magistrate Denison for an alleged violation of the Medical Act. His offence consisted in selling a preparation for an ailment, the symptoms of which the purchaser described. Mr. Howarth recommended a preparation already prepared, which the customer purchased. This conviction the court was asked to quash, on the ground that in Canada a druggist and an apothecary are one, as distinct from England, where they are incorporated separately. Mr. Osler, Q. C., opposed Mr. Allan Cas- sels, and argued that the conviction should be sustained, contending if assistant druggists are apothecaries they are practically doctors. This would seem to practically open up the question whether a druggist may recommend a remedy, proprietary or otherwise, for any specified complaint. The judgment just rendered sustains the conviction, holding that a druggist may recommend a remedy if the symptoms are not described, but not when the nature of the ailment is indicated.