

vertising pages of certain of the so-called pharmaceutical and drug journals, and it will be found that they are composed almost entirely of the advertisements of patent medicines, ranging from the pennyroyal pill and cotton root compound abominations to elixirs of life. Now, how can independence be expected from the unfortunates who are sold to the proprietors of these preparations? If their editors have an opinion, it is all their jobs are worth to dare to express it; but we find their editorial pages occupied by twaddle and buncombe to fill up space, and the rest of their matter cribbed second-hand, frequently without credit to the original sources. Under such circumstances it is too much to expect that they can take the part of the pharmacist in any fight that may be thrust on him. We believe that a pharmacal journal should be published in the interest of the pharmacist, and we will act up to our opinions every time, no matter what it costs. *Fiat justitia ruat coelum.*

From Chicago comes another letter from one who is known all over America as a staunch champion of the retail druggist, C. S. N. Hallburg. He says: "Allow me to congratulate you on your editorial in June issue, 'The Cry of Substitution.' It has the true ring to it, and is indeed a cry out of the wilderness."

From all over Canada come communications, both verbal and epistolary, of our stand upon those questions. In fact, Canadian pharmacists seem to be astonished that they have at last a journal that comes out squarely, without beating around the bush, in defence of their rights; that seems to know something of the requirements of the retail trade. It might be supposed that this policy of independence would affect us financially, but no; a glance through our advertising pages, and a comparison with those of our June, 1896, issue, will show that they have increased nearly 100 per cent. in the last year, and our advertisers are the cream of the trade, concerns who know a good thing when they see it, and are willing to pay for it. They know that this journal is read, not thrown in the waste paper basket.

Our readers are satisfied and pleased with our policy, and our advertisers are satisfied and pleased with the results obtained from the Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal as an advertising medium; as for ourselves, we are in the same position and will continue in the same path, and strive to make it bigger and better every year.

THE QUEBEC PHARMACY LAW FULLY SUSTAINED.

The appeal of S. Carsley Co., Limited, has been rejected by the court and the validity of the clause 8 and section 1,035 of the Quebec Act have been completely sustained, and none but duly registered licentiates of pharmacy can sell drugs, which according to our Act includes everything simple or compound which is used medicinally.

But if victory is ours, it still behooves us to be on our guard. The Legislature will assemble in November, and between the present and that date our enemies will be working like beavers and marshalling all their forces and influence to have our Act amended, and we must not delay, we must be up and doing as well as they. The council of the association can be trusted to carefully guard our interests, but all the work must not be left to them; every member of the Quebec Association must put forth every effort and bring every influence possible to bear on his local representative so that the rights guaranteed us by the Pharmacy Act may not be curtailed.

We understand that the Retail Grocers' Association is going to take a hand in the fight against the Pharmacy Act. We think this is a mistake, if true; they are simply playing into the hands of the department stores, who are already making much greater inroads into their business than the loss of the sale of patents would be. It would be more to the interest of the Retail Grocers' Association to join hands with the pharmacists, come to an amicable arrangement and then fight the department stores.

THE SALE OF DRUGS.

An article under this heading appeared in a recent number of *Journal of Commerce*. We regret that our usually well informed contemporary did not have some one who knows something about the condition of pharmacy in this city and province write up the article for him, since, in the first place, the item contains a number of statements at variance with the truth. The predominating idea seems to be a half-expressed, but would-be-concealed, suggestion that the druggists are dreadful monopolists; that they want the whole earth, and think it time that grocers and others should unite to put an end to the monopoly. We wish we had space to publish the article in full, as it is quite a curiosity both in composition and logic, as well as a display of ignorance of the subject.