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DRUGGISTS PRESCRIBING AND THE SALE OF POISONS.

In the act of amendment, to the act of incorporation of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, there exists a most stringent clause against the sale of poisons except on the prescription of a physician.

The provisions of that clause are comprehensive, it is sufficiently indicated that "poison is not to be sold" to a person unknown to the seller; unless introduced by a person known to the seller; and on every such sale of every such article, the seller shall before delivery, make or cause to be made an entry in a book to be kept for that purpose, stating in the form set forth in schedule B., of this act, the date of the sale, the name and address of the purchaser, the name and quantity of the article sold, and the purpose for which it is stated by the purchaser to be required, and to which the signature of the purchaser, and of the person if any who introduced him shall be affixed." Then follows a list of poisons which are prohibited to be sold.

We notice that Chloral Hydrate is not down in the list referred to and we think the omission should engage the attention of the Legislature at its next session with a view of amending this clause; making it more definite and including some dangerous drugs which are not to be found in the list of poisons. This is a subject which should engage the attention of the Pharmaceutical Association itself