

The Quebec Pharmacy Act

The Bill to amend the Quebec Pharmacy Act, to which we referred in our last issue, came before the Legislature of that province Jan. 7th. The number of articles named in the proposed amendment was largely added to at the sitting of the House and in committee afterwards. The following list of articles which it asks may be sold by others than registered druggists, as reported by the committee, comprises all patent medicines, alum, bicar-

gelica, catnip, centaury, couch grass, golden rod, gold thread, dandelion, white elder, prickly ash, marsh mallow, thoroughwort, yarrow, danewort, rosemary, sage, olive oil, etc.

The proposed amendment was supported by Messrs. Gouin, Robitaille, Pelletier and others, while those who opposed it and voiced the opinion of the Pharmaceutical Society were Messrs. Grosbois, Paumeton, Nantel, Guerin and Belaud. When the House rose the committee reported progress.

Patents Containing Poisons.

U. S. Food Commissioner Blackburn has issued warrants against druggists selling a number of patent medicines, notably Winslow's Soothing Syrup, Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, Agnew's Catarrh Cure, etc., on the ground that the law in force in the State of Ohio directs that preparations containing morphia, cocaine, chloral hydrate, etc., must be labelled *poison*, and he claims that these preparations contain some of the



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bonate of soda, borax, camomile, carbonate of lime, castor oil, cochineal, cod liver oil, cream of tartar, Epsom salts, flavoring extracts, ginger, glycerine, gum arabic, hops, linseed, linseed meal, manna, senna, sulphur, tartaric acid, Paris green, or London purple (when these substances are put up in safe packages distinctly labelled "poison"), culinary essences, camphor, gelatine, Irish moss, spruce gum, camphorated oil, tar, Pain Killer, Radway's Ready Relief, lime water, plantain seeds, liquorice root, turpentine, sarsaparilla, seidlitz powders, distilled water, peppermint, vaseline, wormwood, an-

Ontario College of Pharmacy.

The semi annual meeting of the Council for granting certificates of competency, and for general business, will be held at the college building, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 1st day of February, at 2 p.m.

TWO FRENCH CHEMISTS have succeeded in giving to cotton a silky gloss by a chemical process which manufacturers think will enable it to take the place of silk. The process depends upon the action of a cold alkaline bath.

poisons mentioned. Scott & Browne deny that their Emulsion contains any morphia and are prepared to defend their case.

We are in receipt of the first number of *La Pharmacie Liboricuse*, the organ of the new Society of Pharmaceutical Students recently established in Montreal. It is edited by J. A. Goyer and Hercule Guerin, and should prove a factor in promoting the interests of the association. We wish it and its promoters success, and welcome it to our sanctum.