

Trade Notes.

C. Hickey has opened a drug store at Chatham, N.B.

F. A. Sharpe is opening a drug store in Port Elgin, N.B.

A. Stapleton has sold his drug business in Fredericton, N.B.

C. A. Mumford has opened a new drug store in Halifax, N.S.

W. C. Wilson has opened a new drug store at St. John, N.B.

H. Southcote has opened a drug store in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

J. C. Bell, druggist, Tilbury Centre, has sold out to R. A. Hall.

F. R. Curry, formerly of Minden, Ont., has removed to Brockville, Ont.

G. T. McDonald & Co. have opened a drug business in Shelburne, N.S.

W. R. House, Whitby, Ont., has sold his drug business to J. McCulloch.

A. J. Gould has purchased a drug business in Colborne, Ont.

G. S. Hobart & Co., druggists, Kingston, Ont., have called a meeting of their creditors.

R. O. Christie, druggist, Little Glace Bay, N.S., is dead, and the business is closed.

J. D. McCann has purchased the drug business of H. J. Meiklejohn & Co., Stirling, Ont.

D. Secord is opening a new drug store in Brantford, Ont., in Dr. Higinbotham's old stand.

F. S. Kinsman & Co., Digby, N.S., have sold their drug business to L. R. MacLaren.

W. W. Greenwood, of St. Catharines, has opened a branch drug store at Port Dalhousie, Ont.

The business of the Vancouver Drug Co., Vancouver, B.C., is advertised for sale by the sheriff.

Atkins & Atkins and H. M. McDowell & Co., drug firms of Vancouver, B.C., have amalgamated.

Another department store in Toronto, McKendry & Co., has put in a stock of patent medicines.

Charles Cluthe, truss manufacturer, King street west, Toronto, Ont., has made an assignment.

G. W. Spackman is the firm name of the Hamilton, Ont., drug business, formerly Spackman & Co.

The Fort William Drug Co., Limited, Fort William, Ont., has obtained a charter of incorporation.

N. R. Mackenzie, of Chatham, N.B., has purchased the drug business of H. H. Johnston, Newcastle, N.B.

H. W. Smith has opened a branch drug store in the new hotel near Clifton House, Niagara Falls, Ont.

G. K. C. McGregor has opened a new drug store on the north side of the Market Square, Brantford, Ont.

Charles M. Briggs, of the patent medicine firm of G. C. Briggs & Sons, Hamilton, Ont., died suddenly, May 17th.

T. H. Hinchman, of the old-established wholesale drug firm of T. H. Hinchman & Sons, Detroit, Mich., died last month.

A traveller who came over from England in the Lake Superior was caught by the customs house authorities at Montreal in the act of smuggling a lot of surgical instruments. He had prepared a false bottom in his packing case, and in this receptacle were placed the instruments. The man was tripped up by Inspector McLaughlin and his men and the plunder seized. The man, who was an American and on his way to the States, settled dearly for the attempt, and went on his way a sadder but wiser man.

The western air has also affected the conduct of the druggists of Vancouver. McDowell & Co. and Atkins & Co., two large firms controlling four stores, amalgamated recently with a capital of \$100,000, for the purpose of buying their goods cheaper and in large quantities. All the other druggists in Vancouver now say that should the new firm cut prices they will at once form a syndicate for the purpose of buying cheaper, by which means they will be able to meet the other combination and sell as low as they do. A meeting has been held, and this course decided upon.—*The Commercial*.

Hattie & Mylius' new store is a great improvement to Hollis street. They have transformed one of the darkest and dingiest corners into as bright and attractive a drug store as one will see anywhere in the Dominion. The store is finished in cherry, and at night, with its eighteen electric lights, the fine workmanship shows particularly well. The store is built for convenience as well as beauty, and any one viewing it can easily see what a vast improvement it is over the old stand. The dispensing department is well fitted with every convenience requisite for compounding quickly and accurately. Hattie & Mylius also occupy the flat over Horton's paint shop on Sackville street. They are connected with it by an iron door. Their laboratory and private office is situated here, and they also have a room for storing surplus stock. Hattie & Mylius now occupy two of the best corners in Halifax, their south-end branch being on the corner of Morris and Pleasant streets. There is a branch post office in connection with the south store now. This is proving a great convenience to all south-enders.—*Halifax Courier Review*.

Montreal Notes.

A pharmacist in Montreal has got into trouble in connection with the U.S. custom laws. Just how the matter stands is not very well known. It appears that the party was arrested as he was boarding a train in New York to return to this city, and was held to bail for \$5,000, which he was not able to obtain. Finally, the authorities let him out on a \$2,500 bail,

but when the case was called he was *non est*. It is said the case is more serious than is generally supposed.

There is no doubt that a much larger quantity of phenacetin and sulphonal has been imported into Canada from Europe than can be consumed legitimately in this country.

A large majority of the pharmacists of the largest cities in England, in answer to queries sent to them by the editor of the *Chemist and Druggist* of London, replied in favor of closing at 8 p.m., with a proviso that prescriptions might be filled after that hour if necessary, it being understood that the window lights should in no case be lit so as to attract custom. The editor was recently examined on this subject before the Private Bills Committee of the House of Commons in connection with the Shop Hours Act which is now before the British House. Druggists here are beginning to show a desire to close earlier, and to give up the absurd practice of keeping open all day on Sundays. Two or three have recently given up this latter practice, and now keep open for an hour in the morning and an hour or two in the evening, and they find their customers and the doctors quite satisfied with their arrangement. Druggists begin to feel that they deserve a little public sympathy in respect of shorter hours of labor. Of course the soda-water-and-cigar druggists keep open as usual, and light up their shop windows on Sunday evenings to attract customers.

Business is very dull in the drug line, and, in fact, in every other retail line in Montreal. Storekeepers in the east, west, and centre all say the same thing, and the bank reports show a great falling off in business generally. Owing to the excellent condition of public health, as shown by the Board of Health reports, it stands to reason the prescription business must be very bad. The doctors likewise complain loudly of the state of affairs in their line.

The College of Pharmacy is looking for a first-class lecturer on *Materia Medica*, a very difficult thing to find. The desire has been expressed that a druggist shall fill the position, but a man engaged in active business could scarcely devote the time necessary, neither could a man under engagement with a druggist, so that it is possible a professor from one of the medical schools in town would have the preference, should an application come in from such a source.

Manitoba Notes.

The drug trade in Manitoba, along with others, is receiving in a measure its share of the increased improvement in business conditions.

Owing to the unusually cold weather prevailing throughout the province, the summer trade can scarcely be said to have yet commenced, but the druggists generally are preparing for a good summer's business, and, with the presen-