

### One of Our Leading Wholesale Houses.

A sketch of the progress of the business of Evans & Sons, Limited, from the time it commenced business in Canada to the present date, will prove, we believe, interesting to our readers. This Company is an offshoot of the large and world-known firm of Evans, Sons & Co., Liverpool, perhaps the largest importing and exporting drug house in the United Kingdom, — the registered offices of the Company being at 55 Hanover Street, Liverpool, where Messrs. Evans, Sons & Co.'s chief offices and warehouses are situated, the London firm being Evans, Lescher & Webb of 60 Bartholomew Close.

Some time prior to 1861 Messrs. Evans, Sons & Co., had entertained the idea of establishing a branch of their business in Canada, and as Messrs. Lamplough & Campbell, druggists, of Montreal, expressed a desire to retire, this opportunity was embraced of succeeding to an already well-established business. The stock in trade of Messrs. Lamplough & Campbell was purchased, and under the style of Evans, Mercer & Co., the new firm started out, on what has since proved to be a greatly increased and prosperous business. The premises of Messrs. Lamplough & Campbell on Notre Dame Street, soon proved too small for the rapidly increasing trade of the young firm, the adjacent building was therefore leased and the two thrown into one. After three years these in turn became too cramped, when the firm determined to build a warehouse of their own more suitable to their growing wants. The property they now occupy on St. Jean Baptiste Street, in the Centre Ward, was purchased, and a large and commodious warehouse erected thereon. In addition a well equipped laboratory was arranged with all modern appliances for the manufacture of the innumerable tinctures, powdered drugs and official preparations pertaining to the drug trade.

In 1878 Mr. Mercer retired, when the senior partner, the late Mr. Henry Sudgen Evans, ex-President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, assumed the sole control. The business had increased to such an extent that the new premises, commodious and all as they appeared, were found to be too small. The adjoining property was purchased, and made into private offices with a factory for the manufacture of a number of their own proprietary articles and others which the firm had acquired by purchase. In 1881 Mr. Henry Sudgen Evans, who had been offered the position of Dominion Analyst, retired, selling out all his rights, etc., to the present company, which was incorporated under the "Limited Liabilities Act of Great Britain," the capital stock of which is held entirely by the members of the English firms. Such had been the increased demand for the Company's preparations that the old laboratory was condemned as being too small. The directors decided to dismantle the old and build the present capacious premises with new

engines, mills, and all the latest improvements which go to make up a first class Pharmaceutical establishment. The new laboratory as it now stands, was erected and arranged under the personal supervision of Mr. Alfred Bickerton Evans, the resident director of the Company in Canada, and junior partner of the firm of Evans, Sons & Co., and is the most perfect of its kind in the Dominion.

The Company possesses several valuable standard preparations — their Ursina, Aretusine, and Nurse's Treasure being favorably known to the trade in the Dominion, and greatly appreciated in the United States, where large quantities are put upon the market. They are the sole consignees for the Dominion of the famous Montserrat Lime-Fruit Juice, and its preparations — the produce of the Olveston Plantations, on the island of Montserrat, in the British Bermudas. This juice is furnished by the English firm direct from the island, and is the only juice supplied to the British Navy. Their Savar's Toilet Requisites, wherever introduced, are steadily increasing in favor.

The Company have large and commodious premises at 23 Front Street West, Toronto. This branch of the business is under the able management of Mr. Jas. H. Pearce (of Messrs. James H. Pearce & Co.) who acts as agent for the Company, and whose ability and experience is so well and favorably known to their Western customers.

They also have a depot and factory at 13 Central Wharf, Boston, Mass., being the distributing point for their proprietary articles for the United States market.

Thus briefly is the history of this enterprising Company since its commencement in Canada, and the popularity of their goods indicates in the most positive manner the hold they have obtained on the good will and esteem of the trade generally. The facilities of the Company are such as to place them beyond criticism, and their trade includes in its operation the whole Dominion.

### Liquor Ferri Albuminas.

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This preparation of iron has come into prominence in the last few years not so much in this country as in Germany and other parts of Europe. It is recommended very highly in chlorosis and anemia, as it is more readily absorbed by the blood than other preparations of iron. A great many formulae for the preparation of this solution have been offered by many prominent chemists and pharmacists. The fifteenth edition of the United States Dispensatory gives a formula which is highly recommended by Prof. C. L. Diehl. It is as follows. Take of

White of egg..... 4 Troy ozs.  
Solution chloride of iron..... 50 minims.  
Water..... 12 fluid ozs.

Mix the white of egg in a mortar with eight ounces of water, and add the solution of iron previously diluted with the

remaining four ounces of water, and filter through paper. A cinnamon brown solution is obtained, which is too light in color, and after standing for a short time, deposits a flocculent, whitish precipitate. This precipitate is caused by the slightly alkaline state of the albumen. After making several experiments, I found that an increase in the amount of iron and the addition of a small amount of hydrochloric acid (to make the solution neutral), would give a solution not much deeper in color but one that would not precipitate on standing. This solution I evaporated to dryness and found the scales to be very soluble. A formula which gives satisfaction, and which is much liked by physicians, was furnished by Prof. Francis Hemm, of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. The form of iron used in this formula is in the dialyzed state, and is preferable to the solution containing chloride as there is no astringency noticed. The following is the formula: Take of

Dialyzed iron..... 12 fl. drams.  
White of egg..... 12 fl. drams.  
Cinnamon water..... 30 fl. drams.  
Alcohol..... 39 fl. drams.  
Hydrochloric acid..... 15 drops.  
Water to make..... 18 fl. ounces.

The white of egg is diluted with the cinnamon water and filtered. The iron, previously diluted with six ounces of water and acidulated by the H. Cl., is added to the filtered liquid and this mixture well shaken. The alcohol is added and then enough water to make eighteen fluid ounces. This solution has a dark ruby red color, a pleasant and agreeable taste, and is much preferred to the one made by using chloride of iron. This solution is not as strong in iron as the first, but seems to be taken up by the blood equally as well and as much iron absorbed. The dose of albuminate of iron is one-eighth to one-half teaspoonful. —

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### Cure for Warts.

Dr. Webster, in *Cal. Med. Jour.*, says: Within the past month a little boy was brought to the office of the writer who was literally covered with warts. His face, his hands—in fact, his entire body was dotted with thousands of these growths, and the father who brought him naturally desired their removal very much.

For this purpose the following prescriptions were made:

1. R Magnesium sulphate..... 1 dr.  
Aqua, ad q. s..... 6 oz.  
M. Sig.: Take a teaspoonful four times daily.

2. R Thuja Occidentalis..... 20 drops.  
Glycerine..... 11 oz.  
Aqua, ad q. s..... 6 oz.

M. Sig.: Take a teaspoonful four times daily in alternation with No. 1.

Within three weeks from this time the boy was brought to the office, with a cough to be prescribed for, and every vestige of the warty excrescences was gone—certainly an unquestionable tribute to the influence of internal remedies upon new growths.