

Montreal Notes.

The semi-annual (Minor and Major) examinations take place in Montreal on Tuesday, April 14th, and following days, and the preliminary examinations will be held in Montreal and Quebec on April 2nd.

Mr. Parker assumes the proprietorship of Mr. Covernton's branch store, on the upper part of Main St., on May 1st. Branch stores are difficult things to manage and Mr. Covernton may be congratulated on having made such a satisfactory arrangement to all parties. Mr. Parker has been in Mr. Covernton's service a number of years.

A writer on the *Montreal Pharmaceutical Journal* asks "Why are not chemists richer?" Most chemists know the reason pretty well. Expenses have been going up rapidly this last 10 years, notably rent, taxes and clerk hire, while the profits have gradually been getting smaller, to say nothing of the direct competition of wholesale drug houses.

A local journal speaks rather harshly of the criminal way druggists dispense deadly drugs, whereupon "Chondrous Crispus" calls upon the President of the Pharmaceutical Association to oblige the editor of the said local journal to retract such a damaging statement. It may be that some druggists deserve the strictures of the journal in question; let us hope not.

To the regret of a great many the Pharmacy Clerks' Association does not seem to be as vigorous as was expected. It seems a pity that the students do not avail themselves of the Association, to show their ability by reading papers on subjects connected with the professional part of their business.

A very interesting case is before the Superior Court this morning (March 14), Hon. Judge DeLorimier presiding—Tucker versus the Corporation of Montreal. Mr. Tucker is a Herbalist (what is known as an Indian Herb Doctor). He has a number of specialties, such as Green Mountain Balm, Worm Chocolates, &c., &c. When St. Lawrence street was expropriated and widened he was turned out of his stand, where he was undoubtedly doing a good business. The Commissioners only adjudged him a small indemnity and he appeals, probably with reason, against it. The prevailing opinion is that many of the awards of the Corporation were notoriously unjust, and Mr. Tucker has a good deal of public sympathy with him.

Adulteration of White Lead.

If any one has a suspicion that white lead is adulterated, buy a pound or two of the substance and place it in a ladle and set it on fire. After it is completely burned there will be a quantity of metallic lead in the bottom of the ladle. After the ladle is washed and dried, it may be weighed; should it weigh exactly as much as the whitelead before being burned,

then the whitelead is pure. Should a less weight of lead be found, there is an adulteration, the per cent. of which may be obtained by dividing the loss of weight by the weight of the white lead before being burned.—*North Western Mechanic*.

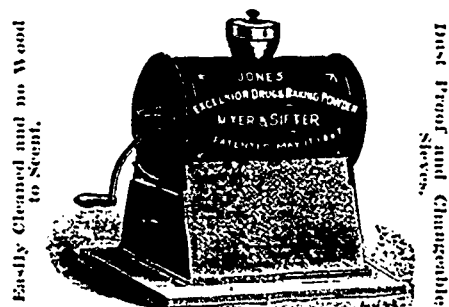
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