

Amendment to the Ontario Pharmacy Act.

A bill has been introduced in the Ontario Legislature seeking to amend the Pharmacy Act of the province, in reference to the qualification necessary for apprentices. The following is the text of the amendment as introduced by Mr. Harcourt:

1. Section 9 of the Pharmacy Act is hereby amended by striking out the word "Tuesday" wherever it appears therein and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "Monday." (This refers to a change of date for regular Council meeting.—Ed. C. D.)

2. (1) Section 13 of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:

(13) (1) Every person who may be desirous of becoming apprenticed to a regularly qualified pharmaceutical chemist shall, before the term of his apprenticeship begins, send to the registrar of the college the sum of \$1 together with a certificate of the Education Department of Ontario or other evidence satisfactory to the Council, showing that the applicant had previously passed an examination as required for university matriculation on the following subjects—arithmetic, algebra, history of Great Britain and Canada, English grammar, composition and Latin.

(2) The Council of the College shall have power to make such changes in the subjects referred to in the last preceding sub section as they may deem necessary from time to time in order to comply with the requirements of the Education Department of Ontario with reference to university matriculation.

(3) This section shall not apply to matriculants in arts or medicine in any British or Colonial university, or college, or the holders of senior leaving or junior leaving certificates issued by the Education Department of Ontario, or to persons who produce evidence of having passed an examination at least equal in point of standard to that of the latter.

(4) This shall not come into force until the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1901.

Read "Business Tips" on page 69.

To remove stains from hands or clothing produced by potassium permanganate, rub with hydrogen dioxide, which is said to act like magic.

Montreal Notes.

The Council of the Retail Druggists' Society of this province affiliated with the National Retail Druggists of the United States is working hard in the interest of the retailers. A number of letters from leading wholesale firms and manufacturers of patent medicines have already been received and they are unanimous in supporting the retail druggist against unfair cutters. A meeting with the wholesale trade was recently arranged at the rooms of the society in Montreal and an agreement came to which will be beneficial to both bodies.

Mr. Mariani of Vin Mariani fame has presented to the hospital ship *Maine* a consignment of his celebrated wine and he has also presented another consignment to another hospital ship at the Cape fitted out by English ladies in charge of the Red Cross Society. This and a few other kind actions by individuals look as though the venial Paris journals do not altogether express the opinion of the French people as regards England.

A very much to be regretted flag incident has recently occurred here in connection with Laval University. Recently when the Strathcona Horse passed through Montreal things had resumed their normal condition and Laval hoisted her flags in honor of the occasion. The McGill boys cheered the University in passing, thus showing there was no great depth in the incident of last week. Any little ill-feeling which may have arisen was produced by the newspapers and especially by a very venomous and spiteful sheet published in the east end on Sunday mornings. In any other country such a sheet could not exist. It looks as though a censorship of the press should be appointed to act during time of war or civil commotion.

New York Notes.

A bill has been reported by the Assembly providing for shorter hours for drug clerks. It is the result of a conference between the clerks and their employers, and consequently is likely to become law.

A measure which has been killed in the legislature is that providing that all poisons should be put up in a certain kind of bottle, the manufacture of which was discovered to be covered by a patent.

Chloretone is being extensively adopted in dental surgery as a substitute for cocaine. It has also been taken up by the mohels for ritual circumcision.

Mastoiditis has lately been epidemic in New York, the result being to keep the otologists more than usually busy, besides giving them unwonted prominence in the public eye.

Mercuriol is still being subjected to systematic tests in the treatment of gonorrhoea at the Post-Graduate Hospital. A sub-clinic has been established for the purpose, and Dr. Otis K. Newell, who is in charge of it, makes weekly reports to Professor Guiteras of the results that are obtained.

Practical Suggestions, Hints, and Helps.

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DISPOSITION OF PLASTER BOXES.

The commodious storage of flat proprietary plaster-boxes is very often a puzzle unsolved. Kept beneath the counter, piled one atop another, it frequently necessitates the disturbance of quite a number to procure the desired box, and if one is a little lax in correcting what hasty fingers set awry, they many times present an untidy look. When stored in a large drawer, there is even greater trouble in selecting a certain one, and more time is consumed unnecessarily, because there are ways of conveniently keeping this accumulation of boxes that a certain plaster may be taken from a box amongst its fellows without derangement or delay.

From the stock of empty packing-boxes in the cellar select one that presents a clean, unbroken surface. The size of the case will be governed by the position it is to occupy, and by the space at command. The writer would suggest putting it in that portion of the space to the rear of counter, just beneath it, nearest the scales, where it will be handy. Across the inside of the box nail strips, to form shelves, about three inches apart. If the box is a large one (not of necessity deep), it will accommodate two or three plaster-boxes on each shelf side against side, and the tiers will be many. Blocks of wood are nailed on each shelf at a point where they will prevent the plaster-boxes from entering the case too far. If the