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### Notice of Removal.

*It has been decided to remove the office of the CANADIAN DRUGGIST to Toronto Ontario, at the beginning of the new year. The issue of January fifteenth will therefore be from our new office in that city. Our readers and advertisers will please bear this in mind.*

### Where is Canada's Contribution ?

The physicians and pharmacists of Victoria, N.S.W., have forwarded to the Pharmacopœia Committee of Great Britain the recommendations adopted by them, which we had intended inserting in this issue but were prevented by want of space.

What, we ask, are the recommendations from Canada? Surely we, the foremost of Britain's Colonies, should have something to say in the preparation of such an important work as "An Imperial Pharmacopœia." True, we have not as pharmacists been officially notified and requested as properly constituted legislative bodies to formulate and present our views—only the general circulars being vouchsafed to us,—but we should take it upon ourselves as an important portion of Her Majesty's dominions to say what should or should not appear in any work designed to be the official guide of our actions. Let our various Provincial Associations take prompt action in this matter, and, we would suggest, submit any suggestions to an appointed Dominion Board comprising a delegation of physicians and pharmacists who will finally submit the propositions to the Pharmacopœial Committee. Who will act first?

### Hours of Business.

We have never yet heard an objection urged against the drug business which did not in some way bring up the lengthened hours supposed to be necessarily devoted to it. The work in itself is not hard. The character of it is agreeable, but the monotony of a business which affords no hope of rest or holidays is irksome in the extreme. We would not like to say that

it is entirely the fault of the public that the confinement is so generally prolonged. We doubtless have ourselves largely to blame. We will not shorten our hours because we think our neighboring druggist is not inclined to, and he credits us with a like perverseness. The public use us because we afford the convenience and not because they would not wait our convenience if we taught them to. It is very doubtful if the volume of our business is one dollar greater at the end of the year because we toil three hours longer each day than other tradesmen. They work energetically while at it and enjoy their rest when the day's work is done, while we drag the day into the night and are neither tired nor rested, but listlessly weary of things in general.

The druggist is by nature and ability like other mortals possessed of equal educational advantages, and could doubtless win in other spheres of labor a healthier, happier and wealthier condition than it is now his lot to enjoy. Those who like the drug business and who succeed well at it should stick to it, because some one must do the work, but we are confident that there are hundreds in the business to-day who would be better and do better out of it.

### Physicians Speak Determinedly.

At a recent meeting of the Montreal Medical Alliance, the committee appointed to consider the relations with druggists presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

"1. Instead of using the prescription blank supplied by the druggists, each physician should have some of his own, on which there should be an inscription forbidding the druggist from renewing the prescription without first obtaining the authorization of the physician.

"2. A prescription being the property of the licensed physician signing it as decided by Judge Morris, of New York, the medical board of the province should be requested to take legal proceedings against every druggist who shall, without due authorization, repeat a prescription.

"3. The College of Physicians should also be requested to take action against the druggists who give prescriptions, and to have the law amended so that all licensed physicians living in cities may keep a public pharmacy."