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### RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMAS.

A correspondent in this issue enquires whether any steps have been taken towards the mutual recognition of diplomas granted by the Ontario College of Pharmacy and the Pharmaceutical Association of Quebec. The curriculum of study being now of a uniform standard in both Provinces, and a four years' apprenticeship having been adopted by the Ontario College, together with a compulsory Minor and Major Examinations, there seems to be no reason why immediate action should not be taken towards a reciprocal exchange of diplomas. As matters are at present the Quebec Association, we believe, accepts Ontario certificates in lieu of their Minor examination, and entitles the holder to a certificate as certified clerk, which gives him all the privileges of Licentiates, except doing business on their own account or occupying a position as manager of a branch store; these positions can only be filled by Licentiates of Pharmacy, those who have passed the Major Examination of the Quebec Association. This places Ontario graduates at a disadvantage if desiring to do business in the sister Province, and should be remedied as speedily as possible. We believe if the matter was brought before the Council of the Quebec Association by that of Ontario, who certainly should take the initiative in the movement, that a mutual exchange of diplomas would result.

A letter from Mr. Clark, President of the Council of the Ontario College, in reply to an enquiry from the editor of this journal as to the recognition of and by the Ontario College of other pharmaceutical organizations, gives us a clear statement of the relations existing between the several associations named. The letter is one that cannot fail to be interesting to the members of the profession throughout the Dominion.

### PHARMACEUTICAL EXAMINATIONS.

The Board of Examiners of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec held their semi-annual examinations in the city of Montreal, on the 15th of October, when nine candidates for the minor, and one for the major examination entered their applications. Of these the following gentlemen, named in order of merit, obtained the requisite number of marks to pass, and are registered as "Certified clerks," namely: Joseph Philip Durand, Joseph Louis Roberze, P. Telesphore Martel, and Alexandre Lamothe.

The Boards of Preliminary Examiners met respectively in the cities of Montreal and Quebec on Thursday, Oct. 3rd, when seven candidates presented themselves in Montreal, and six candidates in the city of Quebec, the same questions being used in both cities. Of these, only one of the candidates from Quebec and three of those from Montreal obtained the requisite number of marks to entitle them to be registered as "Certified apprentices." The names of the successful candidates are as follows: I. Emile Demers, Wilfred Lefriere, Kenneth C. Campbell, D. Jolicour. The preliminary examinations are held in Montreal and Quebec on the first Thursday in January, April, July and October. The questions are printed, and the examination is a written one. Every student of pharmacy, before he can be employed in a drug store, has to pass this examination, and be registered as a certified apprentice.

### CANCELLING OF ORDERS.

Several wholesale houses have complained to us of the habit some retailers have of giving orders to travellers, and then cancelling them in a letter to the firm just about the time when the goods are ready for shipment, thus putting the firm to all the expense of making the sale and preparing the goods for the order without obtaining anything in return. This, with goods that are constantly in stock, is aggravating enough, but when a retailer cancels an import order, given, perhaps, months before for special goods which the wholesaler does not pretend to keep in stock, the loss is sure to be considerable, and it is but fair that that loss should be borne by the retailer. We heard of an instance the other day of a dealer in Manitoba who sold out his business, and cancelled all his orders for manufactured and imported goods given several months ago. When remonstrated with by a house upon whom he was shoving a number of lines that suited his trade, but which they expect to have difficulty in selling, he wrote that he was a "Scotchman on both sides, and was never known to give in, and that if it was gone they wanted, to come along." As a sample of unprincipled dealings this would be hard to surpass, and no doubt in time our Scotch friend will find out that he will lose in many ways by not being honest.

It should be clearly stipulated, when selling a business, that all import orders which the wholesalers are willing to ship to the purchaser of the business, should be accepted by him. Let a man buy carefully, and see that he receives what he buys, but let him never endanger his name for honesty, which is above price, and when once lost can never be regained. To retailers we would say, "Never cancel an order for goods that you can pay for"; and to the wholesaler, "Never accept a cancel of an order which, in your opinion, is the result of unbusiness-like dealings."