

and, with Mr. Lachance, is the prime mover in the matter. He will be present at the annual meeting of the A. P. A. at Asheville, N. C., and will move that Montreal be permitted to entertain that body next year. If the Association, by vote, consents, then Montreal will go ahead and organize. Denver, Colorado, is likely to be a competitor for the honor, and it is doubtful which way the vote will go.

Another drug store is to open, it is said, on St. Denis St., corner Dorchester. The name of the courageous pharmacist who is to run it has not yet transpired.

Montreal can boast a drug store called the "Jeanne d' Arc" pharmacy. Mr. Barnabee is the proprietor.

On St. Lawrence St., it is said, a doctor is preparing to open a drug store in the block of buildings called the "Monument National." This makes ten drug stores between Craig St. and Mile End. St. Denis St. is about as well provided in the same distance, and the West End is overcrowded.

Since writing the above, a report has reached Montreal that it has been decided at the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association that Montreal will not have the honor of entertaining the Association next year, but that it will go to Denver, Colorado, a city which has been waiting its turn for some years.

British Columbia Notes.

The Province of British Columbia lives. Judging from the silence of the past few months the outside world would be justified in considering us departed, but we live and intend to die hard.

Much has transpired during our silence of which only passing notice can now be made. First, it is regretted that the Provincial government did not see fit to make the amendments to the Pharmacy Act law. We consider the members dreadfully short-sighted, to put it mildly, and we fail to see why efforts on our part to increase the stability of the safety-stop between the druggists and the people should not be met with a little intelligent consideration. Judging from what I saw of the men I don't believe one-half were interested in the bill at all, and the balance were too ignorant to understand it. However, the Province has now made a new selection of men, and, though it is regretted that our brother druggist Curtis, of New Westminster, failed by so small a minority to reach M.P.P., we trust we have elected men who will do the right thing by the drug trade, should a bill come up for consideration.

In the meantime, Rough on Rats ought to go on Schedule A., as we are glad to know the Council have decided. In support of this the recent suicide of Mrs. Sinclair, Springbank Farm, near Victoria, Dr. Ernest Hull refused to give a certificate, and a post mortem was held at which Mr. Carmichael, public analyst, deposed

to finding 15 grains of arsenic in the stomach. She had taken Rough on Rats.

I was present at the annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Association on June 14th. It was a most enjoyable affair, although everybody seemed to be in a hurry to get the business through and then home. The President made a splendid address and touched on just the live matters of the day. It was thoroughly appreciated by those present, and a discussion on the "Growing evil of paying commissions to Physicians" was very interesting. Despite the neutral position assumed by some present, it is a question even now whether physicians do not have a very nice thing of it in British Columbia. With your kind permission, dear sir, I shall have a little more to say on this subject later. The "Uniform Price List" did not receive as much attention as it deserved. It is a great pity druggists cannot live together in peace. It is to the benefit of us all to keep prices at living rates, and the man who starts cutting is a parasite pure and simple. "The reduction of the annual fee" was taken up vigorously by the clerk element present. Mr. Emery's motion to reduce from \$10.00 to \$7.50 for business druggists, and from \$5.00 to \$3.00 for clerks, will be hailed with approval. Before closing, Mr. Nelson received well deserved praise for the account he had given of his stewardship, and he, in his turn, thanked the members present for the confidence they had reposed in him, and urged that there should be thorough co-operation among the druggists this next year with the view to putting the profession on a correct basis. After all liabilities are settled the Association will start the year with over \$300 in the treasury.

Wallace S. Terry, head clerk at D. E. Campbell's, Victoria, stole over to Vancouver and returned with his bride, Miss Tuft.

Pery Jones has secured the position of dispenser at J. F. Jaeck's store in Vancouver.

Geo. Mallory is now with C. E. Jones, Victoria. The poet has left the premises of the Central Drug Store, and strange to say, is heard down town.

Cochrane & Munn enjoy the delightful distinction of being the first to use Cachets and Cacheteuses in Victoria. Next.

Three druggists in Victoria have fountains, viz.—Hall & Co., Cochrane & Munn, and Morison & Co.

The Council of the B.C.P.A. meet in Vancouver on the 13th inst. The matter of reducing the annual fee will come up for consideration.

The examinations for Licentiate of Pharmacy qualification will be held the first week in October. There will be a few applications for registration on foreign diplomas.

Business has improved during the past two months and the druggists are taking heart again. One splendid feature of the

business done is that it is more on the cash basis and that cutting prices are *not* in vogue.

American Pharmaceutical Association.

The American Pharmaceutical Association held its 12nd annual meeting in Asheville, N. C., last week. There were nearly 300 delegates present. W. C. Simpson, Raleigh, N. C., is the new president. J. E. Morrison, of Montreal, was made third vice-president. Denver, Col., was selected as the next meeting-place for 1895.

A Druggist's Weapon.

A new weapon of defence against burglars has been discovered by J. T. Windolph, a druggist of Brooklyn, N.Y., whose store was forcibly entered by two of these gentry a short time ago. It appears that Mr. Windolph sleeps in the rear of his store and was disturbed by two men who effected an entrance through the fan-light over the front door. Having no weapon at hand to defend himself, he bethought himself of the liq. ammonia bottle, and, pouring out a quantity into a graduate, waited until one of the burglars came within easy distance, when he throw the ammonia directly into his face with the effect of completely stunning, and for the time being, blinding him, and he and his companion soon made their exit, not waiting to unfasten the door, but bolting through a plate glass window.

Notes from England.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The British Pharmaceutical Conference met this year at Oxford, under the presidency of N. H. Martin, F. L. S., of Newcastle-on-Tyne. The reception was held at Christ Church Hall on Monday evening, and a welcome was given to the delegates by Professor Ince, brother of Mr. Joseph Ince, whose name is well known in pharmacy. The official welcome from the University by Sir Henry Acland, and the town by the Mayor, followed on Tuesday morning. After which the President delivered his address which was cordially received, although, had discussion been permitted, some portions would have aroused considerable criticism. His denunciation of specialties and proprietary preparations came with bad grace from a member of a firm which has imitated all the leading ones themselves, but certainly cannot claim to have ever originated one. Whilst it is quite true that pharmacists all over the world suffer from the tendency of physicians to prescribe these preparations instead of pharmacopoeial formulae, the last to complain should be the wholesalers who supply dispensing doctors direct with similar preparations.

The business of the Conference may be summed up briefly as follows:—Farr and Wright showed that standardized tinc-