

Trade Notes.

M. A. Taschereau, druggist, Montreal, Que., has made an assignment.

C. G. Millar's drug store, Coldwater, Ont., has been destroyed by fire.

Thomas Boulter's drug store at Lanark, Ont., was destroyed by fire, November 4th.

The drug store of W. C. Goode, Goderich, Ont., was destroyed by fire October 19th.

Nasmyth & Davis, druggists, Brantford, Ont., are closing up their business in that city.

Walter Parke has retired from the wholesale drug firm of Archdale Wilson & Co., of Hamilton, Ont.

Proctor, corner Queen and Bathurst streets, Toronto, Ont., is moving his drug business to Drayton, Ont.

W. J. Nichol is now proprietor of the drug store at 170 King street east, Toronto, formerly W. J. Nichol & Co.

George J. Little, 1298 Queen street West, Toronto, Ont., has sold his drug business to Mr. Allen, formerly with J. R. Lee.

S. W. Hobart has purchased the drug stock of the late firm of George S. Hobart & Sons, Kingston, Ont., at 38 cents on the dollar.

Mr. Henry Miles will retire from the wholesale drug firm of Lyman, Sons & Co., Montreal, December 31st, when the term of partnership expires. Mr. Miles has been with the firm twenty-five years, and has been one of its most prominent and active members. Mr. Miles, we understand, does not contemplate removing from Montreal.

Montreal Notes.

Mr. W. H. Griffith, of Sherbrooke, has quite recovered from his recent illness, and looks better than ever. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his restoration to health. He was in town last week.

Mr. John Nault, who has recently been on a tour through England and France with a professional friend, has returned to Montreal, and looks much benefited by his escape, for a time, from the cares and vexations of life behind the drug counter.

About half of the pharmacists of Montreal have put down their names as members of the Universal Trade Association of Detroit. The idea seems to be that if the majority of pharmacists of the United States and Canada will join, the influence of such a large body of retail men (hitherto without trade organization) must be felt.

Mr. MacMillan has opened a pharmacy at the corner of St. Catharine and Philip's square, and Mr. Barnabé, recently in partnership with Mr. Roy, has opened

out on his own account at the corner of Plessis and Ontario.

Mr. Bourque, lately with Dr. Palardy, is also opening a pharmacy on the corner of St. Antoine and Inspector.

In addition to these, a doctor is opening a new pharmacy at St. Henri, a suburb of Montreal, and another pharmacy, with quite a large amount of capital invested in it, is to be opened on St. Catharine street, east of St. Denis, by a young French Canadian, who intends to make French specialties a leading feature.

Many men who ought to know say that if the opening of new drug stores continues, it will not be worth any man's while to devote himself to the business.

When so many pharmacies are in the market one would suppose it bad business policy to establish new ones. Speaking with a long experience, there is only one spot in Montreal where a new drug store could possibly make even a respectable living for its proprietor, and that spot is being negotiated for by a well-known pharmacist.

On dit that Mr. Henry Miles is about to retire from the partnership of Messrs. Lyman, Sons & Co., of which he has been junior member for a number of years, and in which position he has earned the respect of every druggist in Montreal.

A new drug journal, making four in the Dominion, has just been issued in Montreal under the name *Le pharmacien Canadien*. It is to be, it is presumed, the organ of the French-Canadian druggists. It is certainly enterprising, and very well got up for a first number. The British Canadians in the Province of Quebec will certainly wish it success.

Prince Edward Island Notes.

Mr. C. D. Rankin has put in a very handsome plate and stained glass front to his drug store, adding most materially to its appearance, and making it one of the finest exteriors in the maritime provinces.

Mr. Percy D. MacRae, lately in the employ of Mr. L. MacLaren, of Digby, is now on the staff of Watson's drug store, Charlottetown.

It is reported that one of the partners of Messrs. Manson & MacNeill, of Summerside, purposes retiring from the business.

Manitoba Notes.

The drug trade of Manitoba and the West may now be said to be in a healthy and prosperous condition. The successful harvesting and storing of this year's crop has again awakened confidence in trade matters generally, and the drug trade, along with others, is receiving, in a measure, its share of the increased activity.

The druggist, along with the general storekeeper, has had to fight that al-

most inevitable trade barrier, that credit system, which has been too prevalent during the last few years, and, but for the rich and bountiful harvest accorded the farmers of Manitoba and the West the past season, the result of another year's business might have been disastrous.

The change has come, however, and is being welcomed. The experience gained in past years will be of paramount benefit in guarding the future.

The prospects for a good fall and winter trade were never better, and the druggists generally are anticipating a much larger business than in any previous year in consequence.

Several new drug stores are being opened up at different points in the province, which would indicate more confidence in future trade. However, it is to be hoped that the rushing into business upon the spur of the moment, when everything is in a flourishing condition, will not be repeated with the same results as in former years.

The druggists throughout the West have, more or less, during the last few years, been in the habit of laying in large stocks of supplies in the early fall, anticipating a much increased trade during the winter, but it is questionable if, even with the good prospects for the season of 1895 and 1896, this plan will be carried out again by many of those who have found that, with a wholesale house close at hand, it pays to lay in only such stock as is perishable and difficult to handle during the extreme cold weather.

The fancy goods trade, one important factor in the country drug trade, will, no doubt, show an improvement over that of former years; the increased circulation of money throughout the country will, no doubt, augment the confidence already displayed in the coming Christmas trade.

Collections are reported brisk, but somewhat slower than at first anticipated, on account of low prices, the farmers having concluded to hold as large a portion of their crop as possible, in view of an advance. On the whole, prospects for the season of 1895 and 1896 are most encouraging.

The council for the Pharmaceutical Association of Manitoba met at the Clarendon Hotel on the fourth day of October last, for the purpose of considering the report of examiners for the examination held on that date. The following members of the council were present: J. F. Howard, B. M. Canniff, W. R. Bartlett, E. D. Martin, C. Flexon, J. C. Gordon, and Dr. W. A. B. Hutton. Only three students appeared before the examiners at this sitting, and all were successful. Mr. Wallace Colcleugh, of Winnipeg, and Mr. S. G. Keyes, of Midway, passed successfully the minor examination, and Mr. A. E. Kelly, of Winnipeg, the major. Examiners—Dr. W. A. B. Hutton, B. M. Canniff, C. Flexon.

A. R. Leonard, druggist, Stonewall, was in Winnipeg on business.