

that firm's customers, entitled to any advantage then at the firm's command, and if he comes as a stranger he should not be surprised to be treated as one.

The country trade must remember that the customers who patronize a wholesale house are very numerous, that they live far apart, that they do not come in often, and that the warehouse is visited by hundreds of people every day who are not merchants. All these circumstances make it difficult for the retailer to be remembered, and if he does not introduce himself, he is apt to be taken for one of the many who come in and go out constantly throughout the day. Introduce yourself.

BUSINESS MEN UNITE.

The parlors of the Murray House, St. Catharines, were well filled on Monday evening, the 9th inst., with representative business men, pursuant to an invitation to take part in the formation of a Business Men's Association for that city. Among those present were Messrs. John Marshall, J. B. Dolan, Andrew Riddell, A. J. Greenwood, A. Wilson, L. Bissonnette, C. A. Case, Wm. Thomson, J. S. Thomson, M. Kane, James Reilly, E. W. Groome, H. J. Rolls, J. K. Black, Alex. McLaren, S. McLean, B. C. Fairfield, W. W. Greenwood, Geo. Tait, Wm. Magness, M. Y. Keating, R. Stanley, T. H. Fitzsimons, C. K. Moore, J. M. Butler, R. W. Lawrie, G. C. Carlisle, J. S. Carlisle, J. Voisard, N. W. Gowan, Wm. Bunting, George Parke, Dr. Elliott and others.

Mr. John Marshall was chosen Chairman, and Mr. Wm. Thomson Secretary.

The Chairman explained the object of the meeting, and produced a quantity of literature bearing on the question. He read from the preamble of the Seaforth Association, and urged the great need of the formation of such an organization here, and the establishment of headquarters where the business men of the city could meet frequently and discuss their own welfare and that of the city generally.

It was then moved by J. K. Black, seconded by M. Kane, that we, the business men of St. Catharines, do form ourselves into an association to be called "The Business Men's Association of St. Catharines."—Carried.

On motion of Messrs. McLean and J. C. Carlisle, a roll book was opened for recording names of members, and the membership fee was subsequently fixed at one dollar.

The election of provisional officers was then taken up, with the following result.

President—John Marshall.

Vice-President—M. Y. Keating.

Secretary—Wm. Thomson.

Treasurer—C. A. Case.

Committee on By-Laws.—John Marshall, Andrew Riddell, L. Bissonnette, Alex. McLaren, M. Kane, George Tait, W. W. Greenwood, and C. K. Moore.

Mr. Geo. C. Carlisle suggested the advisability of interviewing the railway companies as to increased facilities so as to allow outsiders to visit the city more frequently during the Christmas holidays.

Moved by G. C. Carlisle, seconded by Alex. McLaren, That a special committee consisting of Messrs. A. McLaren, W. Thomson, G. C. Carlisle, J. K. Black, and W. W. Greenwood be appointed to interview the railway companies on the subject, and also that the same committee interview Mr. E. A. Smyth as to the running of street cars in connection with the trains on the Welland Railway.

Mr. S. McLean very kindly offered the use of the Select Knights' hall pro tem for the use of the Association, and after some informal conversation the meeting adjourned.—St. Catharines Evening Star.

TORONTO DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the Druggists' Association was held in the College of Pharmacy, Gerrard street east, to take some action on the matter of the liquor cases, and to make some provision for their protection in the future.

The following named gentlemen were present: Mr. Lewis, registrar of the Council; W. A. Hargraves, secretary of the Druggists' Association; G. W. Mingay, Dr. Oakley, J. A. Gibbons, W. I. Urquhart, Dr. Bentley, Issac Currey, E. G. Lemaitre, J. C. Lander, W. J. C. Naftel, W. Lloyd Wood, E. B. Shuttleworth, W. H. Cohen, Dr. J. Ogden, W. H. Gilpin and J. A. Austin. Mr. J. C. Lander, of North Toronto, occupied the chair.

Several new members were added to the membership. A long discussion took place on the advisability of doing away with the sale of liquor altogether in the drug business.

Mr. Mingay thought that liquor selling was debasing to the profession, and therefore he advised strongly that it be done away with.

Dr. Oakley made a lengthy speech, in which he advised the druggists to give up the liquor selling branch of their business.

After the discussion had become somewhat general the chairman called the attention of the members to the fact that no motion was before the house.

Mr. Lloyd Wood moved that "owing to the stigma attached to the drug trade on account of the sale of liquor by members of our profession, it moved that the members of this association refuse to sell liquors except as ordered in writing by regularly qualified physicians."

Mr. Lemaitre seconded the motion.

More discussion followed, in which Mr. Wood said that he did not sell liquor at all, and found no material difference in his business by not doing so. Mr. Urquhart did

not want to give up the sale of liquor, but wanted it conducted properly and honorably. Dr. Ogden thought the meeting had better go slow in doing away with liquor selling altogether. Many hardships might be entailed on deserving people by such a state of things during the prohibited hours of the saloons. Several other gentlemen spoke, some in favor of liquor selling and others opposed to it.

Mr. Urquhart moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Austin, "That the druggists of this association give up the sale of liquor altogether until such time as they can petition the Legislature to make suitable amendments for their protection."

The amendment was lost by nine votes. The motion was carried by a goodly majority.—News.

Camphor Compounds.

The compounds formed by camphor with chloral, phenal, betol, salol, resorcin and other substances have attracted some attention in recent years in consequence of the introduction of some of them into medicine, most of them present the peculiarity of being liquid products of the combination of two solids, and even when this is not the case, as in the compounds of camphor with hydroquinone, salicylic acid, tannin and gallic acid, the temperature of the melting point of the joint product is much below that of either of its constituents.

M. Cazeneuve points out that these camphor compounds are probably more numerous than is generally supposed. Even resins and gum resins are said to soften in contact with camphor, and gutta percha has been reported to behave similarly. Although in many of these cases true compounds are probably formed, in which the individual properties of the constituents are modified, the exact nature of the combination has not yet been explained, and it is evident that it is comparatively feeble. It is known, for instance, that upon submitting to distillation the liquid formed by the combination of camphor with chloral hydrate, it is split up into its constituents. The same result is obtained by simply shaking it with water; but it remains unaltered when agitated with an aqueous solution of chloral hydrate. In discussing the question, M. Cazeneuve expresses the opinion that the formation of these compounds is not due to the non-saturation of the camphor molecule, which allows of the fixation of two atoms of hydrogen, to form borneol, because the compound so produced is a stable one. He prefers to consider camphor-chloral and its congeners as a class of "molecular compounds," in which the combination between the two constituents is comparable to that which exists between water of crystallization and a salt.—N. E. Druggist.