

PREFACE.

THIS second edition of the Canadian Formulary is published under the authority of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, by committees from the Colleges of Pharmacy, of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, appointed for the purpose of investigating and approving of formulas believed to be appropriate and suitable for the purpose and object for which the publication is authorized.

Recognition of certain formulas bearing a semi-official title prepared according to the formulas prevailing in localities, has demonstrated the necessity for the adoption of some uniform system of authoritative formulas, whereby the physician can intelligently prescribe and the pharmacist dispense, and the result expected and obtained be uniform and identical throughout the whole of the Dominion of Canada. This was the desire and intention of the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, when the work was inaugurated, with the full knowledge and belief, that only by and with the general co-operation and support of the pharmacists of the entire Dominion can success be achieved. Recent developments point to such encouragement for a wider co-operation and assistance from the pharmacists, from which we feel justified in concluding, that, most valuable and material benefits will accrue.

The establishment of uniform and authoritative standards for medicinal articles, to meet the demands upon the medical and pharmaceutical professions for preparations brought to the attention of the prescriber, under various and fanciful coined names, with very extravagant claims for medicinal virtues, indicated as possessed only by the one special preparation and marketed at fanciful trade prices, is essentially a step in the interests of the public and the professions.

The best means of introducing the preparations, or the most successful method of obtaining due recognition of the preparations, should be through personal introduction to the physician by the pharmacist. If the pharmacist will carefully examine the various formulas, it is believed, that many of them will be found particularly applicable to the requirements in his locality, they can be readily prepared by any qualified pharmaceutical chemist, and with an intelligent understanding of the medicinal properties of the preparation, as well as a knowledge of any extravagant claims for competitive proprietary articles, the efficient pharmacist should be able to impress the physician and induce him to test the reliability of the articles presented.

Attention is particularly directed to the fact that many formulas are included in the book, for the express purpose of enabling the pharmacist to supply the popular demand for preparations on the market for which the formulas published will produce an article of identical properties, and that in some cases the formula is not to be considered or recommended as a truly scientific pharmaceutical exhibit of the ingredients contained in the preparation, (as shown in Formula numbers 33 and 35).