

Toronto Retail Drug Clerks.

The society has been working quietly along for the past few months, and the labors of those in connection with it are now being marked by success. There are at present nearly one hundred members in good standing. The principal point of interest before the boys now is their annual excursion. This even, which is always looked forward to as one of the most pleasant outings of the season, will in all probability be held about the middle of July. The young men on the several committees are sparing no expense nor energy to make it the most successful excursion they have yet had. The boat committee have chosen the best pleasure boat on the lake, the *Garden City*, to carry them and their friends across the lake. Full particulars will be published after the meeting to be held to night (14th) for the purpose of completing all arrangements necessary. Every druggist in the city is respectfully requested by the committee to try to make it convenient for his clerk to attend this outing.

Pharmaceutical Association Wins Again.

Messrs. Carsley's and Girard's appeal from the Magistrates' Court decision in favor of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, condemning them for keeping drug stores and selling drugs in their departmental stores, came up before the Court of Queen's Bench, at Montreal, June 14th. Mr. Brosseau, attorney for the Pharmaceutical Association, made a motion for the dismissal of the appeals for want of jurisdiction. Mr. Abbott, for Carsley, and Messrs. Beaubien and Tucker, for Girard, opposed this motion, and after long arguments of counsel the Hon. Justice Wurtel granted Mr. Brosseau's motion, and dismissed the appeal with costs.

Wall Paper Calendar.

M. Staunton & Co. will this month distribute to the wall paper trade a combined calendar and table of quantities of paper required for various sized rooms. It is artistically printed in colors and gold, and will be found very useful. Every wall paper dealer should have one. If your name is not already on M. Staunton & Co.'s books, drop them a postcard and ask for one of these.

The Origin of the word Pharmacy.

A German scientist says the word is derived from Ph-Ar-Maki. This is a word compounded from the ancient Egyptian

article Ph-Ar, a verb signifying to make, and Maki, a remedy intended to protect the healthy from disease, and to cure the afflicted. Maki, we are told, was applied to the employment of magic or incanta-



May Class, Optical Institute of Canada.
The above shows the members of the O.C.P. class '07 who succeeded in passing their examinations at the Optical Institute of Canada, and are now qualified to act as Oculists' opticians.

tion for healing as well as with drugs. Its makers were the druggists of ancient Egypt, and belonged to the Scribe order, i.e., they were educated persons, and socially occupied the same positions as priests, physicians, government officials, etc. The writer stated that at the time of Hippocrates there was no apparent distinction between the art of pharmacy and medicine.—*Mo. Mag. Phar.*

Lightning Fly Paper.

WE call our readers attention to the advertisement of Lyman's Lightning Fly Paper on page 600a. The Lyman Bros. & Company (Ltd.) inform us that no judgment has yet been given in the suit of Wilson vs. Lyman, in which the evidence was taken in Hamilton in January last. The suit relates to the validity and effect of plaintiff's trade mark, and the alleged similarity of the defendant's goods as put up by them when the suit was instituted a year ago. There is no question of patent involved.

Portraits of the Queen.

Apropos of the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Queen Victoria, the June number of *McClure's Magazine* will contain a series of life portraits of the Queen, the earliest showing her, a child on her mother's lap, at the age of two years; the next at four, the next at five, and so on, almost year by year, down to the present day. The reproduction will be, in most instances, directly from the originals, and by the finest process. No such series has ever been published before.

Cameras as a Side Line.

Cameras and accessories are a popular side line for pharmacists in many places, and an attractive window display may be made with the aid of amateur photographs, and the cameras and accessories by which they have been produced. It should be a comparatively easy matter to borrow a number of photographs showing familiar faces and scenes, and pictures of local interest always seem to make amateur photography more attractive. It does not seem to be surrounded by so much mystery or hedged in by so many little difficulties when one shows the work of home amateurs. A display of this kind may be made to promote the sale of the cameras themselves, or of the various chemicals and solutions that are used in the processes of developing, fixing, and toning, and in both departments a very substantial source of revenue may be developed, providing the line receives anything like the serious attention and consideration its rich possibilities so well deserve. They are worth a trial.

Danger of Explosion of Compressed Tablets of Potassium Chlorate.

The *Bulletin Commercial* of a recent date records the explosion of a compressed tablet of potassium chlorate under the following circumstances: A physician, engrossed in speaking to a patient, absent-mindedly occupied his hand in rubbing together between his thumb and fingers a compressed tablet of pure chlorate, and another of the chlorate and sugar, that he had in his pocket. All at once an explosion occurred, and the doctor drew out his hand badly scorched and burned, and the pocket was set on fire. The saccharated tablet was broken to pieces by the explosion, but not a trace of the other tablet could be found.

Preservation of Hydrogen Peroxide.

Sunder, in the *Pharmaceutische Zeitung*, having recommended for this purpose the addition of alcohol or ether, to the extent of two per cent., Freyer, in a communication on this subject, states that having tried the plan, he found that the amount of hydrogen peroxide in solution remained absolutely constant for several weeks. Hence he warmly endorses the suggestion.

Formaline solution, 1-1000, used as a douche, has given excellent results in the treatment of gonorrhœa in females.