

at 9 o'clock the temperature had risen to 68 degrees.

The water for the coils is contained in five heaters in the cellar, the total capacity being about 23 gallons. As the regulation heaters, the water is heated by coils of wire of poor conductivity, that pass between the inner and outer sheets of the heater. The hot water is then forced up by the laws of hydraulics to the coils above. By having five separate heaters the heat and expense can be regulated. On a mild day one or two sections may be used. About 300 feet of pipe are used in the store proper, and the heaters keep the cellar warm. Thenext morning the shop was any if thing too warm. The pipes were quite as hot as any hot water coils usually are, and only three sections were being used. Mr. McCormack says the beauty of the new system is that it takes up only one quarter of the space of a furnace and boiler, requires no bother with coal or ashes, and the cost of putting in is less than half the cost of a furnace.

A Handsome Store.

The Medical Hall, one of the oldest business houses in Strathroy, Ont., and which has been frequently referred to as the pioneer drug business of the town, has during the last few weeks been undergoing a complete remodeling of its interior. This business was established by Mr. George Orchard in 1860, and has been continued at the same stand ever since. In 1870 Mr. W. J. Dyas became the proprietor, and has continued at its head without an interruption, having established a drug business which has but few rivals in Western Ontario, and the name Medical Hall is one of the familiar terms in the households of this section. A main feature of the business has always been its dispensing department, and when we are told that during the term of Mr. Dyas' proprietorship over one hundred thousand physicians' prescriptions have been prepared there, not to speak of the thousands of family and household receipts which are continually being made up, some idea may be formed of this feature of the trade done. In August of this year Mr. Robert T. Kyle, who has been an employee from the commencement of his apprenticeship until that time, became a partner in the firm, which is now styled W. J. Dyas & Co. Mr. Kyle is well known to all our citizens as an excellent chemist, and one who has a thorough knowledge of the business. He is also thoroughly posted in optical work and the fitting of spectacles, &c., having passed a course of study in the Canadian Optical Institute and obtained his diploma. On account of the largely increased attention which it is necessary for Mr. Dyas to devote to the interests of the publication of THE CANADIAN DRUGGIST, which under his management has assumed metropolitan proportions, the management of the drug business now devolves on Mr. Kyle.

The store now presents a very handsome appearance, and one thoroughly in

keeping with the business. New cornices and glass cases have been added; a handsome partition of leaded muffled glass now divides the front from the laboratory; a prescription case of new and elegant design, and a fine upright mirror of beveled glass, 6 feet by 3, all combine to making it one of the handsomest places of business that we have ever seen. The telephone and express offices have been re-arranged, and a private office for the use of the proprietors and also to be used as a physician's reception room has been added.—*Strathroy Dispatch.*

Montreal Notes.

It is stated that Messrs. Leonard & Papineau are opening a new drug store on Pine avenue, corner of St. Dominique street.

Mr. de Mesle has opened a new drug store on St. Lawrence, main street in St. Jean Baptiste ward, formerly St. Jean Baptiste village. In connection with his establishment he proposes to open a free dispensary with entrance from the street in rear, where physicians will be in attendance at certain hours and who will give prescriptions free. The prescriptions, it may be understood, are to be made up in Mr. de Mesle's pharmacy attached to the dispensary. Of course, the success of this venture depends on the reputation of the physicians and the low prices of the medicines furnished.

There is some talk of still another drug store being opened on St. Lawrence Main st., corner of Ontario. This will make 10 or 12 drug stores on this much drugged street. The orders from city druggists are getting less and less in volume, so the wholesale houses say, and no wonder. Instead of the old style of selling goods by the dozen packages and the Winchester, 1 lb. of a tincture and $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen of a patent is becoming the order of the day.

Mr. Quipp, who was with the late Mr. R. I. Devins so many years, and who recently opened a drug store on Windsor street, has moved to the corner of St. Antoine and Windsor streets where he now has quite a handsome pharmacy. May he have all the success he deserves and may he have a long lease at a low rental. Mr. Quipp is one of those men who do not believe in selling goods without having his legitimate profit. A few more such men are wanted, especially in Toronto.

A meeting of the Montreal Druggists' Association was held on the 29th ult. and was presided over by Mr. Contant. A large number of wide-awake pharmacists were present. Mr. A. I. Laurence was elected Secretary in place of Mr. Lyons, resigned. It was decided to change a few prices on the list and a memorandum of the changes was ordered to be sent to each member. Every one present recognized the necessity of adhering honorably to the price list as it was felt that anything approaching the cutting of prices at present going on in Toronto would result disas-

trously to a number of pharmacies at present running under heavy expenses for rent and clerk hire and without a surplus capital to back them.

The pharmacy students have again formed a "Pharmacy Students' Association," and it seems to look as though it would be a great success. The idea is to make it as recreative as possible, the students believing that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and the students are quite right.

This is a dreary life at best; the hours are long and the brain work and responsibility incessant, and what makes it worse is that they cannot look forward to high wages, as it is with great difficulty their employers are able to pay the present rates. In fact, most druggists will have to reduce expenses in every practicable manner now that competition is so great.

Mr. Fred Peacock, who drives Messrs. Kerry, Watson & Co.'s delivery express, had a narrow escape from death recently by the falling of a trolley wire. As it was the horse was killed on the spot.

A city druggist who has for a number of years taken an active part in sanitary matters, both provincial and civic, and who has written a good deal on the sanitation of cities, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Council of the World's Fair Sanitary Congress to be held in Chicago next year, at which the leading Sanitarians of the world will be present.

"Drug store keeping in Montreal means working for the landlord, corporation and government, and not one druggist in twenty is able, under the most favorable circumstances, to put one cent away for his old age." So said a pushing young druggist who established himself on St. Catharine st. a few years ago, to your correspondent and he is not far from the truth.

Mr. David Watson, jr., has nearly recovered from his recent severe illness, although he will have to take great care of himself for the balance of the winter. It is probable that he will have to give up the road for some time at least. His friends in Montreal will be glad to have his genial presence again among them.

In the case of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec against L'ivernois for selling photographic chemicals by retail, the clause in the Act allowing only wholesale trading in drugs by photographers was decided against the Association. The prosecution was weak and sufficient precautions were not taken by the detectives in purchasing very small retail quantities.

As to the *new tax* there is no doubt the government has the right to levy it in order to extricate this province from its financial difficulties. While not weighing more heavily upon druggists than upon other business men, nevertheless it is most onerous and is at the same time most unfairly distributed. For instance, a druggist paying over \$600 and up to