

Walkerville, where a sumptuous luncheon was given by the Messrs. Walker, who had erected a tent on the trim lawn in front of their offices.

Here, with the beautiful river in view, the fleeting moments passed quickly. The tired doctors, worn out by listening to lengthy discussions on diseases, revived with remarkable rapidity under the influence of bountiful refreshments, both solid and liquid, in their most seductive forms. Short, humorous and pithy speeches, interspersed with songs and words of good fellowship, now brought the parting hour too near, when they were loath to bid adieu to their hospitable entertainers.

Crossing the river many members visited the manufacturing establishment of Messrs. Parke, Davis & Co., where much was learned as to the methods of producing the finer drugs and chemicals which we employ daily. A visit was also paid to the firm of F. Stearns & Co.

Other points of interest in both Detroit and Windsor were visited, and all left for home pleased with the success of the meeting, and a feeling of gratitude towards our Windsor confreres who entertained us so well, and who did everything in their power to make the meeting a success.

Dispensary Practice.

"Dr. SHEARD was asked by the Board of Control to report on the city free dispensaries. He says that they are institutions run by a few doctors where hundreds of people obtain free medicines, for which they can well afford to pay. It is altogether likely most of the dispensaries will be abolished."

Referring to the above clipping from the *Mail and Empire* of May 29th, we would say that some people do receive the benefit of free advice, medicine and treatment in our hospitals and dispensaries who could well afford to pay for such service. We are well aware that many receive services in our offices who could but never do pay. There should be a remedy. Let medical men put a higher value upon their services. Why should they devote so much time to charity work? Are they helped as they should be by the wealthy classes in our midst? Let our confreres who work in hospitals, and dispensaries, be more careful about giving their services to any but the poor and destitute. Then if those who are unconnected with medical charitable institutions would notify the City Physician of any case or cases of imposition, he might make it a part of his multifarious duties