

hitherto necessary for the preparation of a new edition of the Pharmacopœia. Nevertheless, this action must be regarded as the first step, however distant it may be, towards the issue of the next edition of the British Pharmacopœia.

"The Committee therefore recommend that the Council should now direct the preparation of another edition of the work, and further, that the aid of the several medical authorities and of the Pharmaceutical Society be again invited by the Council.

"The Committee also recommend that Professor Atfield be invited to continue his services as reporter and editor. He has long been an advocate of the principle of extending the operation of the Pharmacopœia."

"RICHARD QUAIN, M.D.,
Chairman."

The eleventh International Medical Congress will be held in Rome from March 29th to April 5th, 1894.

The *Financial Times*, London, Eng., says, "Canada seems to be the only part of the world which is not keenly suffering from the wide-spread depression of 1893."

The Provincial Board of Health, of Montreal, are taking steps to guard against the introduction of small-pox from the United States, where it is very prevalent in some of the larger cities.

A CAPSULE trust is said to have been formed, composed of the Michigan Capsule Co., the Warren Capsule Co., the Merz Capsule Co., and the National Capsule Co., of Indianapolis. It is said that the prices of empty capsules will be advanced at least 50 per cent.

The *Indiana Pharmacist* says that nine-tenths of the oil of peppermint made in the world comes from the United States. More than half of this amount comes from Michigan, and St. Joseph County is the centre of the industry. It takes 250 lbs. of dried plant to make a pound of oil. The oil is worth \$2.50 to \$3 a pound, and about 15 lbs. is made from an acre of plants.

Acknowledgements.

We are in receipt of *Dollars and Sense for Fifty Cents*, being a collection of articles on publicity, or how to advertise and do it efficiently. The most of these have appeared in leading American dailies and are a valuable aid to the intelligent advertiser. Published by the Trade Co., 299 Devonshire-st., Boston, Mass.

Frederick Stearns & Co. have sent us their calendar for 1894, which is a gem of art. The calendar is printed in colors and is a development of a photographic process by which the colors of the original painting are reproduced with absolute fidelity. This, we believe, is the first one of the kind ever offered to the public. The calendar will be furnished on receipt

of 25 cents to pay cost of publishing, postage and packing.

Pamphlets descriptive of the Creosote Carbonate (Creosotol), being Beechwood Creosote deprived of its harmful properties—Diabetin, a nutritive agent in Diabetes—Formulin, a Germicide and Disinfectant, all being the preparations of Schering & Glatz, 55 Maiden Lane, New York, have been received at this office, and copies may be had for the guidance of physicians by applying to the general agents.

The Rochester Optical Co.'s Catalogue, together with a brochure on Modern Photography is published by the Rochester Optical Co.

Answers to Correspondents.

"Ontario," asks for a permanent solution of Bichloride of Mercury which has no deposit.

The official solution should answer the purpose as the Ammonium Chloride has a tendency to prevent any deposit. Perhaps your trouble has been in not using distilled water, without it you could not have a permanent solution. The exposure of a bichloride solution to strong light may sometimes cause a precipitate. This may be dissolved by the addition of a slight excess of Hydrochloric Acid.

"PHARMACIST."—The Ontario Act, clause 19, says: "Any person registered under this Act, and no other person, shall be entitled to be called a Pharmaceutical Chemist, and no other person, except a Pharmaceutical Chemist, as aforesaid, or his employee or employees, shall be authorized to compound prescriptions of legally authorized medical practitioners.

"Clerk."—We printed a formula for a "Tasteless Cascara Preparation" some months ago. Here is another which may be more in the line of what you want. It is a "Tasteless Extract of Cascara."

Cascara bark	16 ounces.
Heavy magnesia.....	2 ounces.
Water	1½ pints (Imp.).
Proof spirit.....	q. s.

Mix the cascara with the magnesia, add the water, macerate for twelve hours, then dry on a water bath. Powder the dried bark, pack in a percolator, and percolate with proof spirit until 16 fluid ounces result. This preparation is not quite so active as the more nauseous official preparation, so you will have to give about one and a half, or twice the B. P. dose, but this is more than compensated for by the modification of the extremely bitter taste.

Frosted Store Windows.

A correspondent of the *Montreal Star* gives the following method for preventing windows from being covered with frost or steam:—"An electric fan is placed in the window, one of the incandescent lamps removed, where the windows are so lighted, and the fan placed in connection; a current of air thus directed against the glass dispels the moisture and the result is, glass as clear as in midsummer."

Correspondence.

Correspondence is invited from all members of the profession. We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions of correspondents. All communications must have the name of the writer attached, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. Any name or plume may be used for publication. Write only on one side of the paper, and be concise.

Editor CANADIAN DRUGGIST:

SIR,—In the December issue of your journal, under the head of "British Columbia Notes," there are a few statements re the recent prosecutions against a number of the druggists in this province, ourselves among the number, to which we must take exception.

Referring to our case your correspondent says, "The apprentice ran things generally at this branch store, and yet Mr. McDowell did not look upon this as a gross infringement of the Pharmacy Act." The statement that the apprentice ran things generally at this branch store is false, that store being under the management of Mr. John K. Sutherland, a graduate of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, 1892, and a licentiate in Pharmacy under the Pharmacy Act of this Province, the apprentice in question merely acting as relieving clerk during the temporary absence of Mr. Sutherland for his meals or a few hours in the evening.

This apprentice has been over four years in a drug store, and purposes taking his final examination next April, so that under these circumstances we certainly did not look upon his doing the work he did as a gross infringement of the Pharmacy Act, in which view we were upheld by the presiding magistrates who dismissed the case where this question was the issue, and merely fining for not registering a scheduled poison as he should have done.

This is not the first occasion on which this correspondent of yours has made statements not in accord with the facts. A few months ago, in your July issue, we think, in his report of the annual meeting of the Association he made some very ungentlemanly remarks regarding Mr. Thos. Shotbolt, our late president, and a gentleman who has done more for the advancement of our association than any one else in this province. To him, with Mr. Henderson, of Messrs. Langley & Co., Victoria, are we mainly indebted for our present Pharmacy Act. Imperfect though it may be, it was the best we could get from the Legislature at that time, and we only got it after three years persistent hard work, very much of which was done by Mr. Shotbolt and Mr. Henderson, and the remarks of your correspondent, in the report referred to, were both uncalled for and untrue.

We have amendments to our Pharmacy Act already prepared to submit to the Legislature at their coming session which, if they become law, will make our Act much more effective and workable than at present.

Trusting you will pardon our infring-