

accompanying locket as a token of the esteem in which they have always held you, and their appreciation of your kind and jovial disposition."

Drug Men Dine.

The Windsor Hotel, Montreal, was recently the scene of a most enjoyable and festive gathering. The occasion was the visit of Mr. John James Evans, president of the company comprising the three houses of Evans, Sons & Co., Liverpool; Evans, Lescher & Webb, London, and Evans and Sons, Limited, Montreal. Mr. J. J. Evans is accompanied to Montreal by his son, Kenneth, and brother-in-law, Mr. S. Castle. He invited the heads of various departments, and travelling representatives of the Montreal house to meet him at dinner, which they did to the number of fourteen. Mr. J. J. Evans occupied the head of the table, and was ably seconded by the resident director, Mr. A. B. Evans. After the excellent dinner had been done justice to, the balance of the evening was spent in song and speech and story. Among those who contributed largely to the enjoyment of the evening were Mr. A. B. J. Moore, Mr. Tellier and Mr. J. A. Dyke.

Pharmacy Examinations.

The Board of Examiners of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, held their semi-annual examinations in Laval University, Quebec, on Monday, October 15, and following days, when twelve candidates for the major and ten for the minor examinations presented themselves; of these, four of the major and three of the minor candidates passed, and are here named in order of merit, namely: Miss A. Adrienne Provost, of Sorel; V. F. Forgues, of St. Constant; Maurice O. Dion, of Levis, and L. Edgar, Martel of St. Romerald, as licentiates of pharmacy. Edmond Vadboncoeur, T. A. Swift, and Wilfrid Barolet, of Montreal, as certified clerks, Miss Provost gaining the gold medal, and Mr. Vadboncoeur the silver medal, Miss Provost being the first lady who has taken the full course of lectures at the Montreal College of Pharmacy, gaining its diploma, and also the first lady who has graduated and gained the diploma and license of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, entitling her to practice pharmacy in this province.

The candidates were subjected to a severe written and oral examination in

theoretical and practical chemistry, materia medica, botany, practical dispensing, pharmacy, weight measures and physics, and reading of prescriptions.

The examiners were R. W. Williams, of Three Rivers; W. H. Chapman, A. J. Laurence, H. R. Lanctot, A. B. J. Moore, and Edmond Giroux, jr., Montreal, with E. Muir, secretary of the Board.

Quebec Pharmaceutical Examinations.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS.

The Preliminary Board of Examiners of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, held their quarterly examinations in Montreal and Quebec on Thursday, October 5, when twenty candidates presented themselves, and of these the following passed, and are named in order of merit, namely: Eugene Morel, Sylva Fifle, J. A. A. Ricard, A. H. Hugill, Frederic St. Louis, E. La Pailleux, P. A. Boivin, A. Cadieux.

A. Quintal passed upon all subjects but arithmetic, for which subject he will have to present himself again in January.

The subjects upon which the candidates were examined were French, English, Latin, Arithmetic, Geography, and History.

The examiners were Prof. J. O. Cassegrain, of Jacques Cartier Normal School, and Prof. Isaac Gammell, of the High School, Montreal.

The next examination will be held on January 3, 1901.

Montreal Notes.

The retail druggists of this city are of opinion that they keep their pharmacies open on week days much longer than is necessary and that on Sundays all day work is not required either on the part of the medical profession or the public. The great majority of them have accordingly agreed to keep open not later than 10.30 on week days, and not longer than eight hours on Sundays, that is to say from 8 to 10 a.m.; noon to 2 p.m., and 5 to 9 p.m. These hours are not obligatory, it being left open to each pharmacy to select its own hours, the principal object being to do away with the absurdity of "all-day open" on Sundays. It may be said that some of the leading pharmacies even now only open from 12 to 1 mid-day and for a few hours in the evening.

Mr. Contant, a well-known pharmacist of this city was invited by some friends to

stand for selection for the municipal council in place of Mr. Gouin who has recently resigned, having been appointed Minister of Public Works in the Provincial Government. A meeting of the ward was held to decide upon a candidate and some three others were brought forward. A vote was taken but unfortunately Mr. Contant was defeated, which was certainly a good thing for him personally, as no man actively engaged in the retail drug business can afford to waste his time with the utterly incompetent individuals who are supposed to represent the ratepayers, but who are unfortunately dragging Montreal deeper and deeper into the mire of misgovernment.

It is felt that druggists have long enough been "public niggers," and, as they are no richer for it in the end, it is just as well that self-respect should prompt them to make their own rules as to how they will conduct their business. The movement on foot to close at half-past ten is certainly a very modest beginning and cannot shock the nerves of anyone.

A meeting of the Retail Druggists' Society of the Province of Quebec was held on October 11 to take into consideration the committee's draft of a proposed retail price-list for foreign patents and specialties and many other things for which there appears to be no standard of price.

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