

Canadian Druggist

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At a meeting of the wholesale drug trade of New York city, a resolution was adopted that "in future they will not receive back for credit any merchandise after thirty days from date of purchase have elapsed," and the individual firms have notified their customers accordingly. This is a very proper and perfectly justifiable move on the part of the wholesale trade, and one that might with equal propriety be enforced in Canada. There is a certain amount of carelessness on the part of many retailers in their way of dealing with the wholesale trade which should be remedied.

Smuggling Drugs.

For the past eighteen months or more quite a large and lucrative business has been done by persons residing in Canada in selling phenacetine and sulphonal in the United States. W. H. Schieffelin & Co., wholesale druggists of New York city, have a patent right for the sale of these goods in the United States. Phenacetine can be laid down in New York at sixteen cents an ounce, and it is sold to the trade in the neighborhood of one dollar, so that there is a large margin, and consequently a great temptation to purchase the drug at a lower figure, no matter where or from whom it is procured. A number of arrests have recently been made of parties suspected of smuggling the drug, the principal offenders having their headquarters at Montreal. John T. Lyons, a prominent Montreal druggist, was arrested in New York on suspicion of being engaged in this work and was committed for trial, bail being afterwards accepted for his appearance. Amongst others arrested were Pettingill, who has, we believe, been in some such fix before; also a Wagner palace car porter named Moore, and another Pullman car porter of Boston, Mass. While there seems to be ample evidence that smuggling of phenacetine has been carried on to a very large extent, there is no doubt that a large quantity of it has been brought into the United States in the regular way of business. After paying the duty of 25 per cent. which is imposed on it, a good margin is still left for the seller, and a large demand is always to be found. It is thought that the firm holding the patent right for the United

States has agents in the custom houses, who watch for parcels of phenacetine and threaten civil action against the consignees. Mr. Lyons, we understand, denies positively the charge made against him, and says he never sold an ounce of phenacetine in the United States. There is no doubt a large trade has been done, and in what is considered a perfectly legitimate way, although very much to the detriment of the holders of the patent right. Whether the action which has been taken in the courts against purchasers other than from this firm will amount to anything remains to be seen.

McDowell & Co., Limited.

Vancouverites have reason to be proud of the number of handsome stores which ornament their city. Among the most attractive of these are the new premises on Granville street of that enterprising pharmaceutical firm, Messrs. H. McDowell & Company, Limited. Advantageously situated at the corner of Granville and Dunsmuir streets, in Mr. J. M. Browning's new block, this store is certainly one of the most complete of its kind on the coast. The proprietors have spared neither pains nor money to this end, and are to be congratulated on the finished appearance presented by their new west end branch.

The spacious store has been fitted to the best advantage, being divided into two departments, the sale room and the dispensing room. The former is lighted by several handsome show windows, and has been transformed by the skill of designer, joiners, and painters in a marvellous manner. The walls and ceiling have received careful attention, and enhance the general appearance of the room. The show cases, screens, and counters, all in solid carved oak, are masterpieces of carpentry, and are arranged in a very ingenious manner. A large and very beautiful Tufts soda and mineral water fountain has been procured, and will be placed in the window facing on Granville street. Over the doorways leading to the dispensary are rich curtains, and drapings of the same material will also be placed in the side windows. The dispensary has been fitted with all the most modern appliances, and special cupboards for poisons are being erected to ensure their absolute safety.

Fitted with electric light, electric bells, gas stoves, etc., the store is in every particular complete. The fittings which made this magnificent *tout ensemble* have, without exception, been designed and manufactured in this city. To Mr. G. W. Grant, architect, goes the credit of the designing work, while praise is due Messrs. Robertson & Hackett for the excellence of the work executed by them.

Mr. H. H. Watson will continue to personally manage the west end store,

while Mr. H. McDowell will chiefly be found at the company's well-known stand on Cordova street.—*News-Advertiser*.

British Columbia Notes.

British Columbia has been, as usual, free from any severity of weather, and a fine open winter, followed by a beautiful warm spring, has given place to what promises to be a warm summer. Vegetation is retarded somewhat by occasional cold nights, but, generally speaking, nature is rejoicing. Business is looking up. Men have taken heart again, and, encouraged by the good reports from the east, have decided that the depression's back has got to be broken. Drugs are selling better.

Westminster druggists are opposed to cutting. A meeting was called recently to arrange a price list, and after some discussion it was decided to follow that which was adopted by the Victoria druggists in 1893. When will our fellow druggists learn that the public is ever ready to take mean advantage of the unfortunate jealousy existing in the business? "I can get this for so much at So-and-so's" is so baldheaded that it should be recognized anywhere. *Don't cut down*, and don't be persuaded by your customers, but find out from the man they name.

The B.C.P.A. is working hard. The by-laws framed to meet the requirements of the amended Pharmacy Act have been passed by the profession, and await the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. The annual meeting will be held on June 13, in Vancouver. We noticed that there were several names of gentlemen on the voting paper who, having been nominated, had neglected to notify the registrar of their acceptance or refusal, hence unnecessary uncertainty. What a pity that more interest is not taken in the business of the association!

We regret that T. M. Henderson, of the firm of Langley & Co., has been compelled to leave business for a few weeks on account of ill-health. From latest news we learn he is improving rapidly.

Robert Attwood, Victoria, has closed up his store and will devote his whole time to manufacturing his cough cure.

Cyrus Bowes (O.C.P.) has removed from Johnson street to a better position on Government street, Victoria.

PASTE FOR MOUNTING PHOTOGRAPHS. (H.H.M.)

Take of

Bermuda arrowroot..... 1½ ozs.
Cold distilled water..... 1 oz.

Mix thoroughly till smooth, then add

Distilled water..... 10 ozs.
Gelatin in shreds..... 1 drin.

Boil with constant stirring for five minutes; when cold, add 1 fluid ounce of methylated spirit and 10 minims of pure liquid carbolic acid.