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OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

FOR 1892-93.

President—THOS. SHOTBOLT.....Victoria
Vice-President—H. McDOWELL.....Vancouver
Sec.-Treas.-Registrar—M. G. BLANCHARD.....Victoria

COUNCIL.

THOS. SHOTBOLT.....Victoria
T. M. HENDERSON.....Victoria
H. McDOWELL.....Vancouver
THOS. E. ATKINS.....Vancouver
D. S. CURTIS.....New Westminster
E. PIMBURY.....Nanaimo

EXAMINERS

For Licentiate of Pharmacy Examination.

T. M. HENDERSON.....Victoria
CHAS. NELSON.....Vancouver
H. H. WATSON.....Vancouver

For Preliminary Examination.

The Principals of the High Schools of the Province.

MINUTES
OF THE
BRITISH COLUMBIA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOC'N

*At its Second Annual Meeting, held at Vancouver,
B. C., June 9th, 1892.*

The Association convened in the City Hall, Vancouver, B. C., at 8 p. m., and was called to order by the President, Thos. Shotbolt, who in a few words welcomed the members.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were then read and adopted.

The Secretary then read the Annual Report of the Council as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL.

To the Members of the British Columbia Pharmaceutical Association:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the requirements of the Association, I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Council for the year ending June 9th, 1892.

The first meeting of the Council was held at the office of the Secretary in Victoria, on June 11th, 1891, immediately after the adjournment of the annual meeting.

A preliminary sketch of the diploma was presented to the members for their approval, and after some slight alterations was adopted.

As it was necessary that the Council should have legal advice on points that might arise it was decided that Messrs. Yates and Jay be appointed legal advisers to the Association.

The following gentlemen were also appointed examiners for the ensuing year, on the subjects named:

Mr. T. M. Henderson Victoria
*Reading, Translating Prescriptions and
 Practical Dispensing.*

Mr. Chas. Nelson Vancouver
Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Pharmacy.

Mr. H. H. Watson Vancouver
Materia Medica and Botany.

The Second Meeting was held at Vancouver on July 21st, 1891.

This was a special meeting and was called by the President for the purpose of deciding on the applications for registration as Licentiates of Pharmacy, as the time set by the Pharmacy Act expired on the 20th, and also for the transaction of such other business as had arisen in the interim.

The proof sheet of the diploma and the sketch of the small certificates were presented and ordered printed as per tender.

It was decided after hearing the legal opinion of Messrs. Yates & Jay, that the Council would have to refuse registration as Licentiates of Pharmacy to Mr Wm. Henderson of Montreal and Mrs. Moore of Victoria.

Applications for registration were received from a number of gentlemen which were referred back for further evidence that they were entitled to it.

On motion Mr. Herbert Carmichael of Victoria, an Analytical Chemist, was elected an Honorary Member of the Association, as it was the intention of the Provincial Government to appoint him Public Analyst.

The Third Meeting of the Council was the regular quarterly one and was held at New Westminster on September 9th, 1891.

At this meeting, registration as Licentiates of Pharmacy was refused to Mr. A. F. C. Herring and Mr. T. J. Armstrong, both of New Westminster.

The next regular meeting of the Council was held at Nanaimo, on December 10th, 1891. The Secretary reported that he had made application to the Colonist Lithographing Company for the custody of the stones on which was engraved our certificates, but had been refused on the grounds that it was not customary for the stones to be removed from the office and that the tender was for the work alone.

Mr. A. C. McAlpine of Victoria, having made application to the Council for registration as a Licentiate of Pharmacy, it was decided that as he had not taken advantage of the time clause in the Act, the Council had no alternative but to refuse the registration.

The President and Secretary were instructed to interview Dr. Milne, M.P.P., in regard to having the 5th line of Section 28 of the Act, as printed with our by-laws, amended, by striking out the word "registration" and substituting the word "examination" therefor; thus making the Section

read as follows : " Nothing in this Act shall prevent any duly qualified member of the medical profession or surgeon from engaging in or carrying on the business of an apothecary, chemist or druggist without examination under the provisions of this Act.

The next regular meeting of the Council was held in Victoria, on March 10th, 1892.

The Secretary stated that he had been cited by the Supreme Court to appear at New Westminster, to show cause why a certificate as Licentiate of Pharmacy should not be issued to Mr. Wm. Henderson of Montreal, of the firm of T. A. Muir & Co., of New Westminster, and that he had attended at the time mentioned as required, but the Judge not putting in an appearance, he swore out an affidavit, setting forth the facts of the cause of refusal of this Association to grant such certificate and that the case had since been tried and decided in favor of the Association with costs, but that the plaintiff had appealed the case to the full court, and it would come up shortly.

The last meeting of the Council was held in Vancouver, on the afternoon of June 9th.

The Secretary stated that the appeal in the case of Wm. Henderson vs. the B. C. Pharmaceutical Association, had been tried in Victoria and was dismissed with costs, and the action of the Council sustained.

The Secretary also reported that Dr. Milne, M.P.P., had brought up the amendment to the Act, as requested, in the House, and it had been passed, so that now, physicians and surgeons carrying on a drug business in incorporated towns of the province, are required to register as such.

The Secretary also stated that at the last session of the House, an act had been passed prohibiting the use of the Provincial Coat of Arms, except by the Government, and as the diploma of this Association has the Provincial Arms engraved thereon as well as the seal of the Association, he had by the advice of the President written to the Provincial Secretary, asking if it was illegal for this Association to use such Coat of Arms, and the reply was that the Act did not allow it.

The Secretary then wrote asking permission to use it for the year as allowed by the Act, but had not as yet received a reply.

The Board of Examiners reported that they had held an examination on April 6th and 7th, at which Mr. Joseph H. Emery was examined in the various subjects, and that he had passed a creditable examination, and it therefore ordered that a diploma as Licentiate of Pharmacy be issued to him.

They also reported that they had examined the diplomas from other examining boards of the following gentlemen and found them qualified to register as Licentiates, viz : J. L. White, W. S. Terry, C. J. Quinnan, Henry Proctor, Geo. E. Price, Herbert R. Stratton, P. F. Von T. Jochumsen, and H. Rogers, and authorized the Secretary to issue certificates as such to them.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. BLANCHARD,
Secretary.

On motion the report of the Council was adopted.

The next business before the meeting was the statement of the Registrar for the year, as follows :

REGISTRAR'S ANNUAL STATEMENT.

To the Officers and Members of the B. C. Pharmaceutical Association :

GENTLEMEN—I beg herewith to present the annual statement of my work as Registrar for the past year.

The total number of Licentiates of Pharmacy on the register up to April 30th, 1892, was 65. Of these 48 were registered as in business on their own account, or, as having been so engaged previous to the passing of the Pharmacy Act, 1891, and 17 were acting in the capacity of clerks.

These were divided as follows :

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|------------------|-------|--------|
| Victoria..... | 17 | in business..... | 9 | clerks |
| Vancouver..... | 13 | "..... | 6 | " |
| New Westminster..... | 9 | "..... | 1 | " |
| Nanaimo..... | 3 | "..... | 0 | " |
| Chilliwack..... | 2 | "..... | 0 | " |
| Kamloops..... | 1 | "..... | 0 | " |
| Revelstoke..... | 1 | "..... | 0 | " |
| Ainsworth..... | 1 | "..... | 0 | " |
| Nelson..... | 1 | "..... | 0 | " |
| Esquimalt..... | 0 | "..... | 1 | " |
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| | 48 | | 17 | |

There were also 18 apprentices in Pharmacy. These were located as follows :

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Victoria..... | 9 |
| Vancouver..... | 4 |
| New Westminster..... | 4 |
| Nanaimo..... | 1 |

The registration year having ended on April 30th, I

then opened a new register, and have at this date 65 Licentiates of Pharmacy on the roll, of whom 42 are in business and 24 are clerks. These are located as below :

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|------------------|-------|--------|
| Victoria..... | 18 | in business..... | 12 | clerks |
| Vancouver..... | 12 | " | 9 | " |
| New Westminster.... | 6 | " | 1 | " |
| Nanaimo | 3 | " | 1 | " |
| Kamloops | 1 | " | 0 | " |
| Ainsworth..... | 1 | " | 0 | " |
| Chilliwack..... | 1 | " | 0 | " |
| Esquimalt | 0 | " | 1 | " |
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| | 42 | | 24 | |

There are also 12 apprentices registered, of whom 4 are in Victoria, 5 in Vancouver, 2 in New Westminster and 1 in Nanaimo.

The difference in the number registered as in business for the year, is due to two causes, viz : Some of those who were not actually carrying on business at the time of the passage of the Act, but who had been before that period, were dropped by their request, and also some of those who are located outside the incorporated towns of the Province, have decided not to re-register.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. G. BLANCHARD,

Registrar.

The report of the Registrar was on motion adopted.

The Treasurer then presented his annual statement, as below :

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT.

To the Officers and Members of the B. C. Pharmaceutical Association :

GENTLEMEN—I take pleasure in submitting this statement of my work for the year ending April 30th, 1892.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIVED AND PAID OUT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1892.

RECEIVED.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Registration fees for 1891-2. | \$589 00 |
| “ “ “ 1892-3. | 61 00 |
| Registration fees received but returned to unsuccessful applicants. | 83 00 |
| For discounts on cheques. | 75 |
| Examination fee. | 20 00 |
| Registration fee—still under examination. | 5 00 |

\$758 75

DISBURSED.

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|---|----------|
| Stationery, postage, P. O. orders disc., etc. \$ | 33 35 |
| Printing and lithographing. | 174 95 |
| Refunded fees to rejected applicants. | 83 00 |
| Expenses of members to Council meetings | 173 00 |
| Secretary's expenses to New Westminster re Wm. Henderson. | 11 00 |
| Salary of secretary to Feb. 27th, 1892. | 75 00 |
| Fees paid to examiners. | 30 00 |
| Expense Mr. Henderson to examination. . | 10 00 |
| “ incurred for rent, etc., of room. . | 5 00 |
| Advertising spring exam. in Colonist. | 10 00 |
| | \$605 30 |
| Balance on hand. | \$153 45 |

M. G. BLANCHARD,

Treasurer.

The auditors, Messrs. J. N. Henderson and D. E. Campbell, then reported that they had examined the books and cash balance sheet of the Treasurer and found them correct.

The members then on motion adopted the report of the Treasurer and Auditors.

Next in the order of business was the President's address, which was as follows :

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN—It is now in order for me to make a few remarks as the first president of this Association, and I do so with much diffidence, though I feel honored in being able to retrospect the first year of good solid work of the British Columbia Pharmaceutical Association. Years will roll on into years, and there will come a time when Pharmacists will look back over the records of this year's work, for memory will have failed ; but I assure you, gentlemen, the result of this twelve months will be evergreen.

Most of you are familiar with the arduous labor involved in getting the Pharmacy Act of 1891 into its present shape. It was not the effort of a month or a year, but the outcome of years of mature thought and untiring, persistent effort. There are gentlemen with us to day who took an active part in this matter, and they are to be congratulated upon the most satisfactory result of their labors. I will not particularize, but I feel I must in duty bound express our appreciation of the valuable aid we had from Dr. G. L. Milne, M.P.P. He very kindly took charge of the bill and against much opposition finally gained its passage. To Mr. T. M. Henderson, our fellow druggist, honor should be accorded, for in him the doctor found an able prompter and

zealous worker in placing the claims of the druggist before Parliament. It is not necessary for me to enumerate other workers, they are known and their work appreciated.

And so the Pharmacy Bill became law; the druggist made his bow anew to the public, now in a new sphere, his profession having gained its proper recognition by law. It has been in active operation for over a year, and, need I tell you, the test has been highly satisfactory? I repeat, it is with pardonable pride that I to-day review the work of this infant society—an infant in which unmistakable signs of growth, life and vigor are evident, and for whom I confidently predict a most brilliant future attained by the hearty co-operation of its members.

In bringing the Act into operation, we anticipated some slight hitches, consequent upon misconception, etc., but I am pleased to be able to report that with but one exception, the ball has rolled along merrily. And this was as it should be—the druggists recognized that the Act was not to cripple their business or deprive them of any privileges they might enjoy, but to give a double protection—protection to the druggists from designing ignoramuses, with more cash than knowledge, from starting in business, and protection to the public in that it gives assurance of experience and ability on the part of the druggist. So I am not surprised that the druggists lost no time in becoming legally connected with the Association. Our druggists are men of experience, employing competent assistants, and the public is assured of the maintenance of this system of affairs by the searching practical examinations which bar the way and tests the ability of the aspirants to pharmaceutical honors. And here, by the way, our Association will do well to give attention. Let the examinations be fair, practical tests of the candidates ability, and let means be provided for making these test complete.

Now, touching some of the business we have transacted as a Council, a few remarks are necessary. We have visited each city, according to law, and at each meeting something was done to strengthen the Association. Our meetings were pleasant ones, the several cities vying with one another to make our stay as enjoyable as possible.

Prominent among the first transactions of the Council is the appointment of Messrs. Yates & Jay as solicitors for the Association. I believe the appointment to have been a good one, for on more than one occasion their advice has been of considerable value to us, and we have always found them willing to give us all the assistance that lay in their power. Expenses have as a consequence been kept down and no action taken that was not considered to be a perfectly lawful one.

The certificate of this Association deserves more than passing notice. I have heard some very high encomiums passed upon it, and I felt that it merited them. It may be necessary to make some slight changes in it in the near future, though, I trust such will not be the case. The passage of the Act regulating the use of the Provincial Seal of course affects our certificate as it stands, but, seeing that it is a legal document, and of unusual character, I think it is more than likely a concession will be made this Association by Parliament at its next sitting. In the meantime, I believe, we may continue to use the certificates as they are.

One suit only has been instituted against this Association, and it may be regarded as a test case. I regret that it should have occurred, for the law with reference to the matter is very clear and explicit. The Association in this case was supported in its decision by the Court. I know that now no unkindly feelings are abroad and that the best of harmony prevails with us.

An examination was held in April, this year—the first of the Association—and as a result one druggist was ushered into the pharmaceutical world.

The year has been an eventful one—a year long to be remembered by the druggists of the Province, and, now with so much to encourage us at the close of the first year, we should be better equipped; the more intensely desirous of making the present year to eclipse in lustre its predecessor. And we can do it. We can profit by the experiences of the year. There is much room for improvement in many departments, yes, I may say all round, and surely we will see to it, that as the defects come to light, they are eradicated, the cause removed and the Association strengthened thereby. We desire to make this Association the pride of the West. We believe we have gentlemen in the Province who, if they would only take sufficient interest, can build up the finest Pharmaceutical Association on the Pacific Coast. Let us not lose sight of the fact that we are banded together for a twofold purpose—as a protection to the public and for mutual help—a purpose all will appreciate when fully understood. To this end let us then cultivate fraternal intercourse. Our profession is necessarily seclusive, but, there is no excuse for any gentleman to persistently avoid social intercourse or to refuse the enjoyment afforded by the society of fellow druggists. Each city ought to have an Association of its own, which should meet at stated times and discuss business interests. Prices could be arranged at these meetings and matters pharmaceutical discussed at length. Seeing that there is no School of Pharmacy here, or within many miles, such meetings could not fail to have an interest for those desirous of knowing all there is to be known in their business. I am not a reformer by any means, but I am anxious that we shall keep pace with our sister Associations in the Dominion. Here is the thought,

then, gentlemen, which I trust will be fruitful in your minds and that the result may be—action.

But, gentlemen, we have not passed through a year with unbroken ranks. The angel of death has twice broken into our midst, and two of our fellow druggists, both highly respected citizens, have passed to the great beyond. On February 19th, Geo. Morison, one of the oldest Victorian druggists, after a lingering illness, passed away. Mr. Morison was born in St. John. N. B., in the year 1820, and came to this country about 1860. He was always a prominent man in local enterprises, and at the time of his death was a Justice of the Peace. As a druggist he was very successful and built up with 25 years' standing, a good business in the city by his careful attention and honest dealing. We also mourn the loss of a young man, with every prospect of a bright future before him, Geo. H. Blakeway. As a druggist he won general esteem, and during his stay in Victoria, Vancouver and latterly Nanaimo, he gained for himself many friends. I had business connections with him personally, as he was associated with me for a time in the capacity of clerk and I found him a man of integrity and uprightness. We all regret the death of these gentlemen, and we recognize the necessity of so living with our fellow men that the golden rule may be exemplified in our lives.

Before I close, I desire to place on record my appreciation of the worth of our Secretary-Registrar, M. G. Blanchard, Esq. He has worked untiringly throughout the year, and has cheerfully devoted much of his valuable time to matters of pharmaceutical importance. I have found in him an able fellow laborer, and one on whom I could always rely for assistance. I congratulate the Association in having so able an officer and feel that you are with me in appreciation of his services.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for your attention, and trusting that we shall all meet a year hence, with a still brighter prospect on the pharmaceutical horizon, I wish you good luck, good prices, and a rush of business.

On the conclusion of the address, Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Mr. Henderson, that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the president for his pleasant and able address. Carried.

The members then proceeded to the election of three members to the Council, to fill the vacancy resulting from the expiration of the term of office of Messrs. T. M. Henderson, D. S. Curtis and Chas. Nelson.

The President appointed Messrs. A. W. Draper and E. Pimbury, scrutineers, who, after counting the ballots, announced that Messrs. T. M. Henderson, D. S. Curtis and Thos. E. Atkins had received the highest number of votes; upon which the President declared them elected as members of the Council for the ensuing two years.

The newly elected Councillors, then in a few words, thanked the members for their confidence in them, and promised to do their best for the welfare of the Association.

Under the head of miscellaneous business, the Secretary read the amendment to the by-laws, as proposed by the Council, of which notice of motion had already been given, and it was moved by Mr. T. M. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. W. Draper, that the Association adopt the amendment as read which is as follows :

The President and Registrar of the Association shall have power to grant Temporary Certificates as Licentiates of

Pharmacy, until the regular meeting of the Board of Examiners, to persons who may present certificates of examination from other Pharmaceutical Associations, as required by Section 11 of the Pharmacy Act, 1891.

It being necessary to have a majority vote of the members of the Association to amend the by-laws, Mr. T. M. Henderson produced 16; Mr. Curtis, 2; Mr. Shotbolt, 2; Mr. McDowell, 1; and the Secretary 8 proxies, who were in favor of the motion, and with the unanimous vote of those present in favor, the President declared the motion carried.

On motion the proceedings of this meeting, with the various reports and the President's address were ordered printed under the supervision of the Council.

Mr. Watson suggested that the Council be instructed to frame a by-law, or have the Act amended, setting a limit to the certificates of examination that would be accepted by this Association.

The President informed him that they were doing all in their power to elevate the standard of pharmacy in this province.

Mr. McDowell also suggested that the Council be requested to have some members read papers, on subjects of interest to the druggists of the province, at the next annual meeting. The members were informed that such was the intention if possible.

Mr. T. M. Henderson moved, seconded by Mr. E. Pimbury, that a vote of thanks be tendered the City Council of Vancouver, for their kindness in allowing us the use of the Hall. Carried. The Secretary was instructed to forward the thanks of this Association to them.

On motion the meeting was adjourned to meet next year at New Westminster.