

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

THE ALBERTA CODE OF FAIR COMPETITION.

Section six of article six reads as follows:

"No retailer shall give to any customer any premium, free goods below his regular price in any type of combination offer, secret discounts, rebates, free samples of commercial size or special services, for which the customer would be in the ordinary course of business charged for such by the retailer, nor shall he issue any false or inaccurate invoice or quotation, imperfectly recording or concealing the true facts of any transaction."

ALABAMA BARBITURIC ACID LAW.

The State Legislature recently passed a law here requiring that trional, sulphonal, tetronal and other barbituric acid products be sold only by prescription. Dr. J. N. Baker, state health officer, has requested the coöperation of druggists and doctors with state officials in the enforcement of the new ruling. The act provides for a fine of \$10.00 to \$500.00 for violations.

U. S. DRUG BUREAU AND THE NEW STANDARDS.

P. B. Dunbar, Assistant Chief of the Administration, in a letter to the Drug, Chemical and Allied Trade Section of the New York Board of Trade said: Where articles in the 11th revision are "materially different" in composition or strength from those in the 10th revision, and particularly where a product, because of its potency, is regarded by the medical profession as a highly important drug, such as tincture of digitalis, "there is not only a legal, but a moral obligation upon manufacturers and distributors to market their products strictly in accordance with the requirements of the act."

"The Federal Food and Drugs Act specifically provides that articles sold under official names must comply with the standards provided by the United States Pharmacopœia or National Formulary official at the time. In order to enable manufacturers and distributors of drugs to familiarize themselves with the changes and to permit them time to adjust their preparations and labelings to conform with the new standards, the Revision Committees set the time when these works would become official approximately six months after the date of their publication.

"There is, of course, a realization on our part of the practical difficulty of having all official articles in the channels of commerce comply with the requirements of the U. S. P. X on May 31st and those of U. S. P. XI on June 1st. The Bureau of Chemistry, at the time previous revisions became effective, recognized this difficulty, and it is not the purpose of the Food and Drugs Administration to adopt a more stringent attitude during the present transition period.

"Fortunately, there are comparatively few articles in which the standards in the two editions are materially different. In such cases there is no public health or economic reason for insisting on an exacting label differentiation between the two types of products."

A LEGAL OBLIGATION.

"Where articles recognized in the eleventh revision of the Pharmacopœia are materially different in composition or strength from those described in the tenth revision, and particularly where the product, because of its potency, is regarded by the medical profession as a highly important drug, such as tincture of digitalis, there is not only a legal but a moral obligation upon manufacturers and distributors to market their products strictly in accordance with the requirements of the act.

"There is, of course, no objection to the marketing during the period between now and June 1, 1936, of preparations made according to the forthcoming standard in order that these products may be available for prescription and other uses after June 1st. In the interest of safety, however, it is highly desirable that the labelings of these products prominently warn the purchaser that they conform to the new standard and differ from the old."

TEXAS CHAIN STORES TAX ATTACKED.

The issue as to whether a single store or chain of stores has the advantage in merchandising and advertising was raised in testimony Monday in the opening of the attack by 827 Texas chain stores on the validity of the State's graduated tax on chains before Judge Royall R. Watkins of Ninety-Fifth District Court.

The chain store attorneys sought to show through examination of two witnesses that the single store has the advantage in business, and added to this the claim through testimony that

syndicate methods of buying and advertising by single stores gives them an advantage.

The State countered with cross-examination designed to show that ownership of sources of revenue in many localities is advantageous in operation over single-locality merchandising on the ground that prospering stores would

help bear the burden of stores which were less prosperous.

The suit is brought by several chains which claim their annual tax under the law would total \$716,817.50. Temporary injunctions issued by Judge Watkins in January prevent the enforcement of the tax law.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

A. Avigdor, export manager of Laboratorio Quimico Central, S. A., has published a new directory covering all physicians and pharmacists in Mexico. It contains very interesting information on hospitals, scientific societies, National University of Mexico and its various departments, charity organizations, etc.—the name is Directorio Medico Mexicano and it is a source of valuable information. Price \$2.50.

The Medical Formulary and Prescription Manual. A Treatise on prescriptions and prescription writing by MORRIS DAUER, Ph.G., Chief Pharmacist at Kings County Hospital, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York. Approved and adopted by the Department of Hospitals, City of New York, September 13, 1934. First edition.

In this compact volume the author has presented in practical form, prescriptions prepared and carefully checked through many years and designed for use as a modern Medical Formulary and Prescription Manual. The book is divided into fourteen departments including all the specialties of medicine together with their many subdivisions. Thus we have external and internal preparations for use by dermatologists, prescriptions used by cardiologists, gynecologists and obstetricians, ophthalmologists, otologists, pediatricians, surgeons, urologists, laryngologists as well as prescriptions used in diabetic medication, and various other prescriptions for external and internal use including prescriptions for glandular products.

The author also discusses such interesting topics as aromatics and coloring in prescriptions, giving the busy practitioner a quick and reliable review of this phase of the prescribing art.

Conversion tables of weights and measures, percentage solution tables and a well-prepared index complete the volume.

In addition to supplying considerable information for the use of hospital staffs this book will also be found useful in promoting prescrip-

tion compounding and prescription writing where joint committees of physicians and pharmacists are engaged in the various counties and states in promoting this very important activity.—R. P. FISCHER.

It is necessary to defer other Book Notices and Book Reviews to succeeding issues of the JOURNAL.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF PHARMACY.

Appointment of Edward Kremers to the state board of pharmacy has been announced by Governor Philip F. LaFollette; also of S. H. Dretzka, former president of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association; H. G. Ruenzel, Milwaukee, was named secretary of the Board.

WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION.

West Virginia Association will hold its annual session at White Sulphur Springs, June 29th and 30th. Among the speakers listed are: E. F. Kelly, Jerry McQuade, John W. Dargavel, Congressman Wright Patman.

The *Bulletin* for June carries much information and evidences the attention given to matters concerning druggists. Immediate attention was given by its editor to the article in *Colliers* of May 23rd.

NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION.

The most successful meeting in the history of the New Mexico Association was held in Albuquerque May 20th. President Welch delivered a most forceful address, giving a résumé on the activities of the Association during the past year and laying special stress on what must be done in the future for the advancement of pharmacy.

Secretary Charles J. Clayton, of the Colorado Pharmaceutical Association, presented a comprehensive paper on national legislation.

The following are the new officers of the Association: *President*, H. I. Braden, Carlsbad; *First Vice-President*, S. J. Mollands, Taos; *Second Vice-President*, Covey Baker, Las Cruces; *Secretary-Treasurer*, H. E. Henry (re-elected), Albuquerque.