

THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

VENEREAL DISEASE ACT OF ONTARIO.

The Act for the Prevention of Venereal Diseases passed by the Ontario Legislature, came into force July 1. It provides that anyone publishing in a newspaper, magazine or other periodical, or posting up any statement or advertisement intended to recommend the purchase of any article, medicine, appliance, instrument or treatment for the alleviation or cure of venereal disease is liable to a fine of from \$100 to \$500.

It permits the filling of prescriptions, of regular medical practitioners, by pharmacists and the selling of patent or other proprietary medicines for the cure or alleviation of venereal diseases, provided that these remedies have been approved by the regulations of the Act.

The following remedies are approved by the Board named in the Act (Sec. 13) by the Legislature of Ontario:

For Gonorrhoea: Silver, iodine, mercury, potassium, zinc, lead, and other mild astringents in their various forms. Essential oils, alkalies, balsams, and hexamethylene-tetramine.

For Syphilis: The arseno-benzol derivatives administered intravenously. Mercury in its various forms administered orally, intramuscularly and by inunction. The iodides, administered orally. The use of tonics, good food and life in the fresh air. The latter is essential to successful treatment.

For Chancroid: Carbolic acid, alcohol, silver salts, antiseptic dressings.

None of these remedies nor any other remedy, form of treatment, appliance, instrument or medicine, patent, proprietary or otherwise, shall be sold, offered for sale, recommended, suggested, advertised or promoted by anyone as a treatment for venereal or genito-urinary disease, unless such remedy,

medicine, treatment, appliance of instrument is prescribed by a legally qualified practitioner.

VENEREAL DISEASE REGULATIONS.

Regulations for adoption by State Boards of Health for the prevention of venereal disease have been suggested by the United States Public Health Service. They provide for registering all cases and quarantine if necessary for protection of public health. One section forbids druggists to prescribe treatment and reads as follows:

Rule 6.—Druggists forbidden to prescribe for venereal disease.—No druggist or other person not a physician licensed under the laws of the state shall prescribe or recommend to any person any drugs, medicines or other substances to be used for the cure or alleviation of gonorrhoea, syphilis, or chancroid, or shall compound any drugs or medicines for said purpose from any written formula or order not written for the person for whom the drugs or medicines are compounded and not signed by a physician licensed under the laws of the state.

NARCOTIC NEWS.

Federal Judge Dickinson, Philadelphia, a few weeks ago sentenced seventeen drug peddlers. The sentences ranged from eighteen months to two years.

Several important arrests have recently been made in St. Louis and Baltimore. Morphine, cocaine and heroin, to the value of \$10,000, were seized by Federal officers in a raid upon the rooms of Frank Krissler, a confidential clerk in the employ of the Adams Express Co., who lived on Jefferson Street, Hoboken, N. J. The drugs were bottled and it is believed that they were stolen from shipments to the Army Medical Department.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Pharmaceutical Botany. By Heber W. Youngken, Ph.G., A.M., M.S., Ph.D. Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged with 195 Illustrations. Publishers P. Blakiston's Son & Co. Philadelphia. Price, \$2.00, cloth.

The degrees earned by the author of "Pharmaceutical Botany" indicate his experience in pharmacy, and his studious application in pharmacy, pharmacognosy and botany is shown in the preparation of the

book. Thoroughness is evident and also a desire to communicate information relative to the subject that is necessary and will be serviceable for pharmacists. Extensive detailed studies of the structures of individual drugs have not been attempted, but more by giving a type; the book supplies knowledge of structural botany; the systematic arrangement is excellent and the text is characterized by succinctness and clearness in definitions