

the event of a settlement being made that the creditors appoint some person to see that the business is properly conducted.

There is, says the *New York Shipping List* a class of business men, or rather men in business—for there is a distinction with a difference—who persistently refuse to advertise in any paper. When such people are approached for an advertisement, which may return its cost ten or a hundred fold, they have a stereotyped reply, "We never advertise; our business is large enough, and we don't care about extending it." And yet these same men, whenever their interests are threatened or attacked by injurious legislation or evil practices in trade, are foremost in soliciting the aid of the press, and imploring its "influence" in defeating the obnoxious measures. It never, possibly, occurs to them that the influence which can avert or change legislation is not less powerful in directing the currents of trade to those houses most deserving of it by their superior enterprise, intelligence and liberality. The same remarks apply with equal force to some of our financial corporations.

CHANGES among traders continue, altho happily failures are few, quite a number have sold out or purpose doing so. Among general dealers, John Weir of Berne, and W. E. Mayhew of Blenheim have sold out, John M. Scribner of Zephyr has sold his hotel business and retains his store. Jacob Upper of Rockford, is selling off his stock and going out of business, and W. H. Hesson, Newmarket is about doing so; J. J. Taylor has removed from Drumbo to Uxbridge, and A. Hess of Bloomsburg, is removing to St. Thomas. John Campbell, of Hamilton, pork packer, after a long struggle has failed; Wm. Driffl of Hepworth, calls a meeting of his creditors for this week, J. Hull, of Welland, Byron Smith, of Dutton, John Waring, of Huttonville, all grocers, have sold out. Three tavern keepers, two livery men, three blacksmiths and two carriage makers in Ontario have sold out. Likewise Geo. Thexton, druggist of Exeter, while Mr. Henry Knell, jeweller, of Berlin, desires to sell, Mr. S. Teeple, founder, Harrison, advertising his business for sale.

The case of Michael Burns, storekeeper of Havelock, Que., is just now engaging the serious attention of his creditors, and of several insurance companies as well. Mr. Burns only opened shop at Havelock, a small place close to the American line, last spring, but his record while living in New York state near by was far from favourable, having been twice burnt out suspiciously, besides being a reputed smuggler. Despite his unfavourable antecedents, parties were not wanting to sell him goods on credit. During Exhibition week he visited Montreal, and obtained policies to the amount of between \$4,000 and \$5,000 upon his stock, from three different companies. Only a few weeks passed, when it was announced that his store had been burnt down, and the goods totally consumed. The circumstances suggested so much suspicion, that a detective was despatched to investigate matters, who discovered sufficient to lead to the belief that the goods had all been removed

before fire was set to the premises. A quantity of leather has already been found, identified by the merchant who sold it. Burns having come to Montreal to claim his insurance was immediately arrested, and is now held in jail under six different capias, besides the charge likely to be brought against him of having fired his premises.

THE MASON MANUFACTURING COMPANY at Oshawa has for a considerable time been harassed by internal dissensions which threaten the entire destruction of its business if not soon terminated. The chief difficulty appears to be between its President, Mr. Bowman, and the Manager, Mr. Mason, both parties evidently striving for to obtain supreme control. Most of the capital, it seems, was supplied by the former, who is endeavoring to recoup himself and has succeeded in obtaining judgments against the Company and individual shareholders amounting to upwards of \$70,000. The value of the judgments against the Company is somewhat uncertain, owing to the fact that one of the banks has seized, under prior execution, a lot of property. A number of the principal employes have been paid in stock, transferred by bills of sale so that the President cannot, under all the circumstances, expect to get his judgement fully satisfied. The manager, we understand, intends to complete his contracts for the coming season in other premises, if he be not permitted to do the work in the company's buildings. The stoppage of the works meantime is a serious loss to the town, and at present the lawyers are reaping the benefit of the unfortunate position of the company.

RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

	Week ending	Total earnings.	Like period 1879.	Increase or decrease.
G. T. R.	Nov. 6	\$226,991	\$219,262	\$ 7,729
G. W. R.	" 5	115,200	102,009	13,191
I. C. R.				
N. & N. W.	Oct. 30	38,551	39,607	1,056
Midland	" 31	12,183	11,855	328
T. G. & B.	Nov. 6	6,121	7,003	882
T. & Nip.	Oct. 30	6,126	6,620	494
W. P. & L.	Nov. 7	2,889	1,685	704

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