



G. F. Sproule, 134 Yonge street, says trade is dull, but better than in January, '90.

W. J. Hovenden, 536 Yonge street, who has only been in this line about four months, says that he has done very well and hopes to move into more commodious premises in the spring.

E. Potts, 402 Yonge street, reports a bad month's receipts, fancy glassware being the only article that sold really well. Mr. Potts intends going to England this summer for novelties, as English goods are the coming fad.

J. J. Hunt, 252 Yonge street, who used to own a large store on Queen street, and who has only been in his present quarters a little less than a year, reports that he is doing much better on Yonge street than on the former thoroughfare, but that the dry goods firms also mentioned in the book trade are taking a lot of business. He says oxidized silver picture frames are the latest. Gilt frames are fast fading away.

THE FRUITS OF LOCAL AGITATION.

The letter of Mr. A. Robinson, Belleville, which we republish from the daily Ontario of that city, was crowded out of our last issue. Since the time of its receipt by us the reform has been wrought for which the letter was written: a by-law has been passed by the Belleville city council prescribing license regulations and fees for transient and itinerant traders. If Mr. Robinson's procedure were more generally followed, the example of the Belleville council would be more widely imitated. The sense of injustice is not sufficiently brought home to the minds of municipal councils. To bring it sufficiently home those who feel the injustice should make a careful brief of their case, publish it in the local paper, and make a public question of the matter.

SCHOOL FINDINGS.

The combination of chalk U.S. crayon manufacturers went into effect January 1.

German slate pencils will be dearer. The mining of the raw material has been taken under the control of the German government, which has advanced the rate of wages paid by the private capitalists.

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