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**CORSETS & SKIRTS,**Is worthy of the personal inspection of Every Buyer in  
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ing insisted on a return to the system of ten hours work per day, making sixty hours per week. The strikers, some 300 in number held meetings and finally offered in one case to come down to 55 hours per week, thereby getting a half holiday on Saturday. This the employers would not consent to but one house offered to allow two hours play on Saturday, the other one and a half hours, without any reduction of wages. The strikers however are firm in their demand. The men in a third establishment which has taken similar ground are continuing work in the meantime.

AN indication of the pressure of the recent and present tightness of money upon Wholesalers and their Bank lines, may be had from the fact as stated to us from a trusty source. One city house had to take up \$34,000 customers paper on the 4th March. Another in Dry Goods having \$36,000 due from customers from 15th to 18th March, received but \$2,000 on account of it. Then with respect to the volume of trade. A firm who was accustomed to sell from \$20,000 to \$25,000 in the month of February, sold but little over two thousand dollars worth in February of this year.

A REPORT upon the Prince Edward Island Railway, by Thos. Swinyard, Superintendent, is just out, and states that the road will positively be opened for traffic in spring. He takes the unexpected view that it will be an expensive one to operate, on account of much curvature and heavy gradients. We have always understood that the Island was very flat; indeed a large portion of it may be called a dead-level, but Mr. Swinyard ought to know whereof he speaks.

THE ratepayers of Amherstburg, the most southwesterly town in the Dominion, and well

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No. 15 PHENIX BLOCK,

**FRONT STREET WEST,**  
**TORONTO.****P. G. CLOSE & CO.,**

WHOLESALE

**GROCERS,**  
**TORONTO.**

59, 61 and 63 Front St. East,

supplied with shipping facilities by either land or water, are anxious to have a number of manufacturing establishments located there and have offered liberal bonuses toward their construction.

RECENT failures include Taylor & Fisher, Chat-ham; G. & R. Pope and Wm. Kane, Peterboro; G. W. Gates, Toronto; W. Groh, latter, Kingston; C. Noble, shoes, Goderich; W. C. Perry, general store, Mount Forest; Arthur Boyle, drugs, St. Catharines; Oliver Cote, merchant, Bic; Robert McIntosh, grocer, Montreal; G. Randolph, lumber, Stayner; E. W. Chipman & Co., dry goods, J. R. Jennett & Co., crockery, and R. I. Foley, haberdasher, Halifax. We have to note also among those who have succumbed to what has doubtless been a trying time for country merchants, names of Western men so well known as John Bedford, Thamesville; Adolphe Allair, Sarnia; William Wilson, Morpeth; men who a few years ago were esteemed prosperous and sound merchants. Two failures of general dealers in Prince Edward Island are advised: McDonald Bros., of Vernon Bridge, and Miss McKeown, of Cardigan.

A FIRM of Brokers and Produce Commission Merchants, Messrs. Fairbairn & Coons, have also made an assignment. We are not exactly informed whether grain or other speculation has had any share in bringing about this failure, but it is scarcely likely that a brokerage business, pure and simple, with so good a connection as that to which this firm lately succeeded, would have come to so sudden and untoward a termination unless embarrassed by causes outside their legitimate sphere.

THE suspensions in Montreal which, coupled with the prevailing tightness, have occasioned so much disturbance and rumour are those of

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**1875. SPRING. 1875.**

We have received and opened out

**369 PACKAGES**

OF

**SPRING GOODS.**Our Stock is very well assorted. Inspection invited  
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STOCK FOR THE SPRING

WILL BE FOUND

**LARGE, WELL ASSORTED,**

ATTRACTIVE, AND UNSURPASSED IN VALUE.

**DOBBIE & CARRIE,****9 FRONT STREET WEST,****TORONTO.**

Geen Bros., makers of children's shoes at wholesale. Alexander, Murphy, and Cuddihy, a young house in Wholesale Fancy Goods, and Simpson, Whitehead & Co., Saddlery Hardware men on a large scale. The stoppage of the first named is not greatly wondered at, or of great moment. The last named house, who show a large surplus and were considered to be in good shape, appear to have taken an ill-advised and hasty course in suspending. Assuming they are quite solvent, it is to be regretted they had not found some other means of obviating a temporary difficulty, for however well disposed their main creditors may be, and whatever confidence they themselves may have in the soundness of their business, a stoppage, however temporary, will make some creditor restive, and must injure the country business of the house. Inspectors have been appointed to look into their affairs, and we trust they may be able to resume business at an early day.

A NEW plea was put forward as a reason for failure, by a retail grocer in Montreal who found it necessary to assign some days ago. This dealer, who had for some years sold groceries, wines and liquors on a moderate scale in the west end of that city, last year resolved, for reasons best known to himself, to become a "Temperance Grocer," and to cease selling intoxicants, which he accordingly did, and advertised the change in the *Witness*, which as a temperance journal, recommended its friends to support this venture. The result was, however, that, according to the statements of the bankrupt, his sales fell off at the rate of \$500 per month, when liquor was no longer kept; he lost some of his largest customers, and instead of the increased custom he expected from the "temperance" influence, his business declined