

Among the dupes of Edward Pinter, who claimed to be able to multiply gold by a chemical process, were, it is said, one of Gladstone's cabinet ministers, who was swindled out of £6,000; a member of the Rothschild family, who gave up £2,000; and a member of Baring Brothers, who contributed £50,000.

In the matter of trust and safe deposit companies the Montreal Board of Trade have resolved to memorialize the Government, asking that no charter be granted to any such company unless it deposit a sum with the Government proportionate to the amount of its business and furnishes annual returns to the Government.

Sir Charles Tupper has been appointed a director of the Water Works and Gas Works' Securities Corporation, London, Eng., which has just been organized there with a capital of \$2,000,000. The object of this new corporation is to buy up water works and gas and other works of the kind in Canada and the United States.

Toronto has been flooded with circulars from counterfeiters calling attention to their goods. These have got into the hands of detectives, and a copy of one is published. The prices of exchange are \$40 for \$5, \$100 for \$10, \$300 for \$30, and so on. Montreal has been similarly honored, circulars written in both languages having been received.

The Superior Court of Montreal has dismissed the suit of Joel Leduc against F. X. St. Charles, president of the Hochelaga Bank. Mr. Leduc sued to hold Mr. St. Charles personally responsible for the defalcations of Parent, the ex-cashier, holding that he had not exercised a proper supervision, but the court maintained he had, and dismissed the case.

As an illustration of the power of little things in effecting great results, it is said that the recent introduction of little dime pocket savings-banks sold on the streets has caused the withdrawal of over a million dollars of subsidiary silver from the United States Treasury, and made a perceptible stringency in the amount of small coins used in trade.

At a general meeting of the shareholders of La Compagnie Industrielle de Berthier, held on the 11th May, it was resolved that, in accordance with the report of the directors, the company be dissolved and wound up voluntarily. This concern was organized in 1887, to continue the holt manufacturing business of Messrs. Goudron Frères, and had, we believe, a paid-up capital of \$20,000.

The French mint authorities examined during the first quarter of this year no less than 2,900,000 20-franc pieces, 177,600 of these being of foreign origin. Among the 2,422,400 French coins examined, 2,166,532 were good, 255,426 were found to be of light weight, and 142 were either counterfeit or defaced. The 255,426 light pieces were replaced at a cost of 56,760*f*. The actual expense of replacing each 20-franc piece found light has been 23 centimes, or about 2½*d*.

The colonies have received another warning that the British investors will not go on lending as freely as they have been doing of late. The Bank of