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3. Corsets and Skirts.
4. Haderdashery and Small Wares.

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THE Ottawa City Council have decided to spend the sum of ten thousand dollars towards increasing the water supply of that city.

A DRY goods dealer in St. Sauveur, a suburb of Quebec, has just announced his second failure, the first having taken place less than eighteen months ago. It might be well for him to try some other way of living, only his credit is perhaps not yet fully exhausted.

THE pressure of the times has forced the assignment of Mr. Wm. Angus, furniture dealer, of Ottawa. He was previously a well-to-do boot and shoe merchant there. What appears to have involved him now is the assumption of the furniture business formerly done by Messrs. Angus & Sons, whose paper he endorsed in 1874 for a composition of fifty cents on the dollar. This he was forced to meet.

THE failure is announced of Mr. G. W. Abrams of Kingston. He was a salesman of agricultural implements and was well known as such many years ago. More recently he had a variety of agencies for sewing machines, and was supposed to be doing a tolerably comfortable trade.

It is now generally known that E. G. Mellor, a jeweller doing business in Montreal, absconded a week ago to the United States and took with him about \$60,000 worth of jewellery and precious stones. His creditors had during his temporary and suspicious absence from the city, put a guardian in charge of his stock some days before, but Mellor had a persuasive manner, and got a guardian of his own choice substituted, Berger by name, also a jeweller, whose occupancy, and indeed it is now said, with whose connivance, buckets full of valuables were removed, to be afterwards transferred across the lines with a carriage and pair, to St. Albans, where Mellor was arrested, drunk and defiant, but thus far, owing to the relaxed state of our

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DOBBIE & CARRIE,

9 FRONT STREET WEST

71 Cannon Street,
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TORONTO.

extradition relations, nothing definite has been done to secure him. An attempt had been made to fire the shop, which did not succeed. Meantime the remainder of assets is meagre in the extreme. Later advices say that the assignee has squeezed \$4,000 out of Mellor, who leaves a wife and family in Montreal to deplore his rascality.

WE learn from Montreal sources that the firm of Messrs. W. L. Kinmond & Co., spring and file manufacturers of that city, has been unable to meet one of the payments on the extension which was obtained from their creditors some months back. This inability arises mainly from the non-payment of a claim of \$58,000 due the firm by the Cobourg, Peterboro, and Marmora Railway. One of their creditors issued a writ of attachment against them on Monday last. And at an informal meeting of the creditors, held on Wednesday, it was resolved to give the firm permission to continue the works, as there are valuable contracts in progress which it would be imprudent to hinder by shutting down the factory. The firm has not yet made any exact statement or offer to the creditors, but it is understood that they owe from \$50,000 to \$75,000, and the amount of their assets depends very much upon how they are permitted to work them up.

THE Montreal papers contain accounts of a recent business difficulty there, which, if correct, helps to show how a stock melts away under certain circumstances. Messrs. E. and A. Perry began with some cash capital and good chances to sell fine shoes three years ago. There was a defect somewhere, however, and last year they had to compromise at thirty per cent., which amount was secured by relatives well-to-do, but unlikely to give anything for nothing. The first dividend could not be met,

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WE OPEN TO-DAY,

181 PACKAGES

NEW FALL GOODS

To which we invite the inspection of the trade, the same having been carefully selected by our Mr. Walls, who has just returned from the European markets.

TERMS LIBERAL.**THOMAS WALLS & CO****FOR SALE.****Hill & Evans' Fine English Malt Vinegar,****Finest French White Wine Vinegar.****Barton & Guistiere's Salad Oil,****Crosse & Blackwell's Salad Oil,****Calf's Foot Jelly,****Preserved Ginger,****Sauces, &c., &c.****JAMES SHIELDS & CO.**

and another house bought the stock and put one of the Messrs. Perry in charge, to sell it out for cash, to be accounted for daily. It is asserted this was not done. Stock was taken, and a deficiency was reported to have been discovered. The party put in charge, instead of explaining it, disappeared for a time, and is now accused of paying off some old personal debts with cash and goods belonging to his employers, and of otherwise disobeying instructions and frittering away the estate.

MR. JOHN PRATT, a Montreal millionaire, and a business man of very varied enterprise and influence, died on Saturday last. It is fifty-three years since, as leather merchants in Quebec, he and his brother Charles, also recently deceased, laid the foundation of a large business connection and a large fortune. For thirty years before 1869 their business was centred in Montreal, and they became interested in many of the prominent industrial and monetary concerns of that city. Mr. John Pratt was President of La Banque du Peuple, the Canadian Rubber Company, the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, and we believe of the Montreal Cotton Mills; Vice-President in several other companies, and had filled in his time other positions of great public responsibility. A man of great experience and judgment in business, of estimable character, and of courteous disposition, he filled a considerable place in commercial circles in Montreal, and will be long remembered.

THE condition of L. J. Campbell & Co's estate, of Montreal, as recently developed, arouses strong feelings amongst the creditors. We do not wonder at this. As specimens of the adroit manipulations of Mr. Campbell, we may give a few. Some months ago, having shipped heavily of belting and leather to two firms in