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DEATH OF MR. HALLAM.

After a long illness, Mr. John Hallam, of Toronto, passed away on Thursday night of last week. The career of the deceased illustrated in a singular way what chances are open in Canada to a man of fibre and will. It illustrates, too, how a man of the requisite force may raise himself from obscure surroundings to be a real power in the community. Mr. Hallam was a Lancashire lad, and worked in a cotton mill at a time when such operatives were inhumanely used. He taught himself, amid much privation, to read and write, and came to Canada in 1856. Since that time we believe he has lived in Toronto, where he began as a hide and wool dealer on his own account in 1866. He built up a large business and made money; but he accomplished something better; he served the city long as an incorruptible and generally sensible alderman; he was the virtual founder of the Free Public Library and gave to it his own remarkable collection of books; he did much for the city parks, and worked effectively for the Industrial Exhibition; loving flowers and trees and books he inculcated the love of these in others. While never quite a popular man, being too crotchety and combative for that, he was a good citizen, with a sense of duty, and lived to receive some thousands of votes for the mayoralty of the city.

THE Matthews' Brothers, Limited, has been incorporated with \$75,000 capital to make and sell pictures, picture frames, moldings, etc., in continuation of the business of the late William Loader Matthews, in Toronto.

THE following little batch of business troubles is reported from New Brunswick: G. W. Upham, of Fredericton, formerly a farmer, but of recent years carrying on a saw-mill, is reported involved and an absentee.—C. L. Carter, general merchant, at Hopewell Cape, reported as failed, is now offering 25 cents on liabilities of \$8,095.—The affairs of Hickson & Co., clothing, etc., at Bathurst, have not been in good shape of late. They suffered by fire in December, 1898, subsequently arranging a compromise, and we now hear that they are calling a meeting of creditors.

RESULTS of 1899 to boot and shoe factories in Nova Scotia are thus summarized by the Maritime Merchant: The financial statement of the Amherst Boot & Shoe Co., Limited, presented at the annual meeting of the shareholders, showed that the aggregate sales for the past year amounted to \$560,280, an increase of over \$60,000 over the previous year. The usual dividend was declared. The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Boot & Shoe Company (of Pictou), was held in North Sydney. It is understood that a dividend of 4 per cent. was declared on the past year's business. The Cape Breton Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, with location at North Sydney, has been organized in Massachusetts. The plant is now on the way from Boston. The most modern machinery is to be installed.

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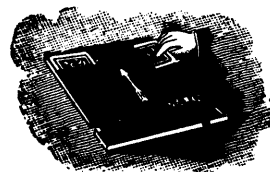
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