

31 clubs of 35 each, and as new clubs are being formed all the time it is probable that over \$50,000 passed through Loeb's hands. Loeb is now out on bail upon a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

Frank A. Wilson, Amherst, N. S., renews his subscription to the DRY GOODS REVIEW, saying he would not be without it at double the price.

Mr. Geo. Swan of Kincardine, reports that he has secured the stock of W. & J. McSweyn, tailors, at 54 cents on the dollar. The sale to Henry Macklin of London, was only a blind.

Cummings & Co., the well-known dry goods merchant and clothiers, who have stores all over the N. W. T. and in Nelson and Kaslo, are about to open up at Nakusp, a new boom town in British Columbia.

E. J. Vincent who has successfully carried on a general store at South River has moved to Parry Sound, where he has opened a fresh stock of men's furnishings, clothing, boots and shoes in a new building which promises to be a good stand for him.

Clothing stores have been in the habit of advertising their business by the use of Canadian two-dollar bills—imitations. Now the authorities are after them in this city. They say that these bills, although they do not very closely resemble the genuine ones, are often given to drunken men, or sometimes passed in the dark. The Act in regard to this question is as follows:

"Every one is guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction before two justices of the peace, to a fine of \$100 or three months' imprisonment, or both, who designs, engraves, prints or in any manner makes, executes, utters, issues, distributes, circulates, or uses any business or professional card, notice, placard, circular, hand bill, or advertisement in the likeness or similitude of any bank note."

Mr. McCurdy, who has a big dry goods business in Antigonish, N.S., went there in 1869 when 21 years of age. He started a general business in the store now occupied by Archibald & Sweet. Thirteen years later he built a brick-cased store, which he now occupies. This store was prepared more particularly for the dry goods trade, to which he now almost entirely confines his attention. His store is three stories, 120 feet long by 36 ft. wide. The ground floor is specially laid off for the retail trade, the whole length 120 feet being shelved and a row of counters on each side. Three milliners and twelve to fifteen dress makers are employed. Mr. McCurdy goes to England every year for his supplies, and to his careful buying, much of McCurdy & Co's success can be attributed.

A telegram to the family informs them of the sudden death on Saturday (2nd) at Mobile, Alabama, of Mr. John Beattie, one of London's most widely known and prominent citizens. Mr. Beattie left a few days ago for that city to visit and return with his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Yarker. The cause of his death was heart failure. Deceased was 61 years of age, and was born in Ireland, coming to Canada in his youth. He began life in Toronto as a clerk for the dry goods firm of Betley & Kay, and in 1856 removed to London, where he entered the same business for himself and was successful. About 1870 he returned to Toronto and established the wholesale dry goods house of Moffat, Murray & Beattie, in which he continued five years. Coming back then to the Forest City, he amassed considerable wealth, and for the last fifteen years had lived retired. Three

children survive him, John H., a barrister, and Miss Cora, London, and Mrs. Yarker of Mobile.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, who has been appointed to visit Australia for the purpose of conferring with the several colonial Governments on trade matters between Canada and the Australasian colonies and other subjects of interest to the two countries, left Ottawa for Vancouver on Wednesday night. He will be absent about three months. In addition to enquiring into trade matters, Mr. Bowell will also look into the possibilities of going on with the long-talked-of Pacific cable scheme. He will call at the Sandwich islands on his way going. If it is not possible to have a conference of the different Governments at a central point, then Mr. Bowell will interview separately the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and South Australia.

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