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- One of he largest wholesale houses in New

York have sent circulars to their customers,

announcing their intention to dispense with

commercial travellers, which cost more than

\$159.000 annually, and agreeing, if they would

come to New York, as in olden times, and buy

their goods from them in their stores, to sell from

three to five per cent. cheaper than their tra-

vellers had been selling at. They also promise

to procure cheap fare to and from New York for

merchants visiting the city to purchase goods,

the railroad companies having promised to make

a reduction. Prominent hotel-keepers also agree

to reduce their rates to recover the patronage

of the merchants lost through the introduction

of the "drummer." A New York paper, speak-

ing of this new departure, says : " A!though the

change has not been long in operation, the firm

report most satisfactory results. It is thought that other houses will follow them in discharg-

ing their commercial travellers. The drummers



are now organizing, and will make a strong fight against the new departure of their employers." A prominent hardware merchant of Milwaukee has also withdrawn all his travellers.

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IMPORTANT .- At the suggestion of some of our leading merchants, the Grand Trunk Railway Company (to accommodate the spring trade) have arranged to grant return tickets (good for ten days) at one fare, from all points from Kingston and Westward, to Montreal, as follows :--- Monday, March 18th, from all points West of Toronto, and Tuesday, March 19th, from Toronto Eastward, as far down including Kingston. The proprietor of the Windsor Hotel. has also arranged to a commodate all holding these cheap return tickets at their lowest rate, namely :- \$2.50 per day ; and, on production of their tickets, will make a further reduction of 20 per cent. off' their bill. Another trip, on the same terms, has been arranged for, by both Grand Trunk Railway and Windsor Hotel, on the first and 2nd of April.

prove embarrassing to others. - A legal decision of the very utmost im-

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portance to the business community has recently been given in Toronto. The case involves the legality of a business carried on by an undischarged insolvent in the name of his wife. The matter first came up as an interpleader issue, in which Mrs. Meakin claimed goods seized by Sam on, Kennedy & Gemmel under an execution against the husband. At the last summer assizes the case was tried before Justice Galt and a jury, and a verdict given for Mrs. Meakin. The defendants mived against this verdict before the full court, and the matter was argued during the November teim. Judgment has been given the present term setting the former verdict aside. Judge Galt, however, dissented from his colleagues, and adhered to the view taken at the trial. The judgment of the majority of the court is to the effect that the use of the wife's name was a mere blind, and that Mr. Meakin was the real'