

The Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto.

Wholesale Only.
FOR BUILDERS' HARDWARE,
 GENERAL HARDWARE,
 TABLE AND POCKET CUTLERY,
 Electro-plated Goods,
 Small Wares and Stationery,
 Earthenware, China, Glassware,
 SEE SAMPLES AT
THOMSON AND BURNS.
 18 & 20 Front St. West, Toronto.

The Toronto Tweed Co.
 1877. SPRING. 1877.

We are now showing the
Largest and most Varied Stock
 IN THE DOMINION.
 Buyers visiting the market would do well to call and
 examine our goods.
 Orders by letter promptly attended to by one of the firm.
 Samples forwarded at once on application.

Hird, Fyfe, Ross & Co.
 14 Front St. East.

A WRIT of attachment has been issued against
 W. M. Holbrook, of South Hinchinbrook, Que.,
 who has liabilities of 4,000 to \$5,000.

THE "Lake Erie," belonging to the Canada
 Shipping Co., and the "Glenbervie," of the
 Allan line, are the first arrivals in the St
 Lawrence from sea, and are about thirteen days
 ahead of last year.

THE Cap Rouge ice has at last given way and
 the channel between Quebec and Montreal is
 now open. The first boat of the Richelieu Co.
 left Montreal for Quebec last Thursday. The
 first boat last year left on the 8th of May.

Mr. Joy, who was accused of complicity with
 Glass, in the fraud on the Molsons Bank, has
 been discharged.

MR. ALEX. ROUGH, for upwards of 25 years a
 confectioner in Montreal, has come to grief
 through family extravagance. His liabilities
 amount to about \$15,000, and assets are scarcely
 more than twenty-five cents in the dollar.

THE stock of the insolvent L. R. Baker, of
 Beauharnois, which was bought by the Messrs.
 Black, of St. Johns, Que., for \$19,000 cash, has
 been again sold by them, at a considerable gain,
 to Moise Branchaud, a lawyer of Beauharnois,
 who intends to carry on the business under the
 name of L. R. Baker & Co., the insolvent being
 the manager.

THE imports of Ontario flour at the port of
 Pictou, N.S., for the supply amongst others of
 the mining districts, form a very considerable
 item. The purchases by Pictou merchants
 have fallen off in the last year or two. Some
 of the merchants at Stellarton, Hopewell, New
 Glasgow, Westville and other places in the
 county having begun to import themselves.
 About six thousand barrels of flour and two
 thousand of cornmeal is the amount estimated
 as received in Pictou last year.

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H. A. NELSON & SONS,
 IMPORTERS OF
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c.,
 MANUFACTURERS OF
BROOMS, BRUSHES & WOODEN WARE
 of every description.
 56 & 58 Front Street West, 91 to 97 St. Peter Street,
 TORONTO. MONTREAL.

McMURRAY & FULLER,
 Manufacturers and Wholesale dealers in
WOODENWARE, &c.,
 TUBS, WASHBOARDS, BRUSHES
 PAIRS, CLOTHES PINS, GORDAGE,
 BROOMS, MATCHES, &c., TWINES,
 &c. &c. &c.
31 FRONT STREET EAST.

Exclusive Agents for the C. C. & Manufacturing Co's
 Woodenware, Brooms, &c.

The Nova Scotia 'big ship' the W. D.
 Lawrence, which was chartered in 1874, before
 she was launched, to go to the Guano Islands,
 has reached Havre. She lays at those islands
 fourteen months before she could complete her
 cargo, which was 4,400 tons guano at £3 15s.
 per ton, realizing for freight over \$82,000.

MESSRS John A. Rafter & Co., wholesale
 clothiers of Montreal who failed in the fall of
 1875, and compromised with their creditors at
 12/6 in the pound spread over twelve months,
 find themselves unable to meet an instalment of
 \$12,000 recently due, and are at present in
 treaty with their English creditors with a view
 of obtaining further indulgence. The liabilities
 are stated to be about \$80,000, and it is under-
 stood they show a nominal surplus of about
 \$25,000.

THE following incident of country road
 management in Nova Scotia is from the Windsor
 Mail:—A farmer across the river, while passing
 a bad piece of road, upset his load of potatoes.
 He got mad and swore he would "chaw up"
 the road commissioner. However, after referring
 to the list, he discovered, that he himself was
 the Commissioner for that district, so he con-
 cluded to "overlook this neglect of the roads."

Two hundred men are employed upon
 the line of the Montreal, Portland & Boston
 railway on the 23rd inst., with a view to its
 completion by June.

TAKING the list of business changes from the
 18th to 25th insts. inclusive, we find the follow-
 ing in Ontario noted as selling out, viz: 3 gro-
 cers, 1 hotel keeper, 1 druggist, 2 general dealers,
 1 shoemaker, 2 waggon makers, and 1 harness
 maker selling off at auction, while one store-
 keeper is trying to sell out. One clothier sold
 out for rent, two traders absconded, ten more in
 difficulties of various kinds, besides three seeking

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 To Merchant Tailors:

GENTLEMEN,—Our Woollen and Tailors' Trimmings
 Department is now complete. We can show you a large,
 varied and choice selection of beautiful goods in the
 newest designs, in Scotch and West of England Tweeds,
 Suitings and Worsted Coatings. In this latter line we
 can offer you special value. Our stock of Broad and
 Narrows, in West of England Goods, in black, blues, Ox-
 fords and Cambridge, is well assorted. In this depart-
 ment you can obtain all you require for your business.
 In our Staple Department we can offer Dry Goods
 Merchants some good lots very low, in English and
 American Prints, Cottons, Shirtings, Towellings, &c.
 In our Shawl and Silk Departments we have some
 good large lots, well worth the attention of Jobbers and
 Wholesale Buyers.
 Terms Liberal to Good Men.

Macnab, Marsh & Coen,
 WHOLESALE
HARDWARE MERCHANTS,
 5 Front Street East,
 TORONTO.

extensions, four offering compromises, nineteen
 who have assigned, and eight who have been
 attached, form a group of disasters quite large
 enough for this Province in any one week. The
 Province of Quebec contributes seven attach-
 ments and five assignments to the list, besides
 several dissolutions which are elsewhere noted.
 In Nova Scotia we hear of three firms attached,
 three assigned, and one selling out. In New
 Brunswick three attachments have been issued,
 one assignment made, and one general merchant
 has sold out. Within this space of time we find
 fifteen dissolutions registered of various trading
 firms; and in most of these cases but one partner
 continues where there were two before, which
 is well if it indicates a lessening of the number
 who live by trading, and would be still better if
 it marked a lesser number of stores.

THERE is trouble between the Montreal
 Elevating Co., and the St. Lawrence Grain Co.,
 competing organizations which handle grain in
 Montreal Harbour. It is complained by the
 latter that the Harbor Commission discriminates
 against it, and that agreements come to between
 shipper, buyer and vessel owner as to which
 elevator shall be employed, are not upheld as
 they should be. However convenient it may be
 for firms who happen to be at once owners of
 vessels, and stockholders in an elevating com-
 pany, to employ the latter alone in loading their
 ships, they ought not to be permitted to coerce
 grain owners or shippers, who are, or should be
 free to take their choice of elevators. Besides,
 it is possible for a monopoly of the sort to injure
 the reputation of the port by exacting prices
 which are excessive.

WITH reference to an item which appeared in
 our last issue, respecting the detention of
 brandy by the Montreal customs authorities, our
 knowledge of the matter was derived from the
 issues of the *Star* of the 6th and 13th inst. As