



LIEUT.-COL. OTTER, commanding the first Canadian Contingent, on active service, in an official report to the Dominion Government recently, after commenting on the fact that the khaki clothing issued to his men had not stood the wear and tear of campaigning very well, stated that the only thing about the uniforms which had really come through all right were the maple leaf ornaments on the shoulder straps and helmets. These, he stated, looked about as well as when the men left Canada, and were a credit to Canadian workmanship. They were manufactured by Messrs. P. W. Ellis & Co., of this city.

SAUNDERS, LORIE & CO., manufacturing jewelers of Toronto, are quietly making preparations for removing to their new factory at 67 Adelaide Street West. Mr. Lorie says he don't propose to move until everything in the new premises that can possibly be got ready beforehand, is thoroughly in order, and when they do make a start the real moving will be a very short business. From the looks of the new machinery and labor-saving appliances already in place, there is no doubt but that the firm will have one of the largest and best equipped jewelry factories in America when they get finally settled down in their new home.

PUNISHED.—Fred. Thornton, the man of many aliases, who was arrested in Toronto last month on a charge of breaking into the store of Johnston & McFarlane, 110 Yonge Street, and stealing 38 watches, 119 rings and 48 penknives, when brought before the Police Magistrate for trial pleaded guilty and was sent to Kingston for two and a half years. Thornton has already served nine years on three terms since 1871, and in 1887 was given five years, but before he had served one year he escaped, leaving four years still to serve. With the two and a half Magistrate Denison gave him and the uncompleted term he will get out in about six and a half years.

DEATH OF MR. P. L. WOODS.—Mr. P. L. Woods, one of the oldest citizens of Brampton, Ont., died at his residence in that town on the evening of Saturday, the 21st April. Mr. Woods came to Canada in the early fifties, and shortly afterwards started in business for himself in Brampton, where he conducted the express and telegraph office in connection with his jewelry business. He was well and favorably known throughout the wholesale trade of Canada, and highly respected. About four years ago Mr. Woods retired from active participation in the business he had built up, and at that time he was admitted to be the oldest business man in Brampton.

MR. A. R. HARMON, of the American Waltham Watch Co., was in Toronto last week looking after business. He reports the factory as working to its utmost capacity and having even two shifts of operatives (night and day) in every department where they can be utilized to advantage. In spite of all this, however, the demand for their movements still continues as great as ever, and the output of the factory is all sold long before it can be turned out. Mr. Harmon says that the prospects for an increased supply of American movements, while considerably better than it was a year ago, does not indicate anything like an overplus for a very long time to come. The trade would do well therefore to lay in stock as opportunity offers.

MR. W. K. GEORGE, manager of the Standard Silver Co., Toronto, has been elected Secretary of the Canada Corundum Co., Limited, referred to in our last issue. The prospectus of this new company has just been issued and shows that it has an authorized capital of \$1,500,000 in 150,000 shares of \$10 each. Although the Company has not a monopoly of all the corundum in Ontario, it has a special agreement with the Government whereby it has the exclusive right to make the selection of these deposits throughout the whole of this province. The President of the company is Mr. Geo. C. Edwards, of Bridgeport, Conn., Vice-President of the International Silver Co., of the United States, and one of the most prominent business manufacturers of that country. Under such auspices and management it should turn out a very successful undertaking.

A NEEDED REFORM.—A recent Ottawa despatch says that, "In response to the request of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association for fuller and more prompt statistical information, plans are being considered by the Department of Customs for the concentration at Ottawa of all the compilations of statistics of exports and imports.

Instead of as at present, having the returns compiled at the different customs houses in Canada monthly, with full returns sent to the department quarterly, it is intended to have the returns sent daily from the different offices and compiled at Ottawa, with a monthly statement for the Dominion to be issued. By this means returns may be arranged and made known to the public within a few days instead of being held for months. Several additional clerks will be needed at Ottawa and these will be drawn from the experienced men at the different customs houses.

THE OUTLOOK.—Business during the past month has been somewhat quiet, probably on account of the breaking up of the roads, and the inability of the farmers to get to market on account of seeding operations. However, as this is usually the case about this period of the year, the business situation may be regarded as about a fair average. In Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia trade has been disappointing, while that in the Maritime Provinces has been abnormally good during the same period. Ontario and Quebec have maintained a pretty fair average, probably slightly ahead of ordinary years. The crop outlook so far is favorable. Seeding in the North-West is practically over, and in the Eastern Provinces it is well under way. The scarcity of American movements still continues, and prices are as stiff as during last year. Taking it altogether the outlook is fairly favorable.

THE FAILURE OF PHILIPS & CO., jewelry jobbers, of Toronto, which occurred last month, has been expected for some time past by those who know things generally, and as a consequence occasioned but little surprise amongst the manufacturers or the wholesale trade. As far as we can learn the firm's liabilities total up to about \$5,000, with assets of only a few hundred dollars at most. Mr. Phillips is said to have left the city, taking most of the stock that was left with him, and his whereabouts is at present unknown. The principal creditors are S. Frenkel, Toronto, about \$3,000; Montreal Watch Case Co., about \$1,000; The Convesoir & Wilcox Mfg. Co., of New York, about \$300. None of these creditors are secured in any way, and while the estate has been placed in the hands of a receiver, it is not expected that the creditors will get much if any dividend after the winding-up expenses have been paid.

IN OUR last issue we noted the fact that arising out of the T. Eaton & Co. case of last year, the Retail Association of Canada had prepared a bill which was introduced in the Local Legislature of Ontario by Mr. Hill, member for West York, making the president and manager of an incorporated company liable for the acts of the company just the same as any individual would be for his own. As this was promoted with a view to bring companies equally with individuals under the penalty of the criminal law for misrepresentation of goods, it was thought by a great many of the members that it would be unfair to hold the principals of a company responsible for the acts of employees over whom they perhaps had no direct control and which they should not be held liable for. The bill was therefore allowed to stand over and it is probable that it will not come up again during the present session. It has certainly provoked a good deal of opposition from many and very different quarters.

ENLARGING.—Messrs. J. J. Zock & Co., manufacturing jewelers, of Toronto, have, on account of increasing business needs, been forced to enlarge their premises during the past month. To do this they have taken a lease of the entire flat below their present factory; consisting of the premises formerly occupied by The Cohen Bros. Company, Limited. Mr. Zock says they purpose removing all their offices down stairs and fitting up, along with a large showroom, in first-class style. He has selected and ordered a large amount of new and up-to-date machinery, with which to equip the new factory premises, and when completed thinks they will have facilities second to none in the Dominion. The firm purpose enlarging their lines of jewelry manufacture, and adding in addition a complete line of gold and gold-filled spectacles and eye-glasses, the plant for which Mr. Zock says is now on the way here. The firm have been unusually busy all this season, and express themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the business outlook.