

Dressy Torontonians

The season is getting pretty well along and yet there are many social functions on the tapis. Toronto has perhaps had a lion's share of these more than ordinary occasions, and evening dress was never more on call than this season. "It's an ill-wind that blows nobody good" may fit the time with appropriateness for drapers and modistes have had their hands full, making for the many soirees and events which called for the orthodox dress; and it's a safe venture that no other draper in Toronto has had a trade in dress suits as that enjoyed by HENRY A. TAYLOR, the Rossin Block. Mr. Taylor can give points to most of them on the how and why of dressy garments for gentlemen, and the claim that he makes the most particular clothing for the most particular people, is no idle boast.

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THE exhibition to be held in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1901, is likely to be a memorable occasion, if one may judge from the preparations making for it. The citizens of that live and modern place made £50,000 clear profits out of an exhibition in 1888. Proposing to apply this sum to build an art palace, individuals subscribed £70,000 more. Then the corporation voted £70,000 additional, and with this sum of nearly a million dollars the Art Palace will arise in Kelvingrove Park, where the exhibition is to be held. The citizens have guaranteed half a million sterling for the exhibition, whose buildings will cover an area of thirteen acres. A prominent feature is to be Scotch pictorial art of all ages, and British art of the nineteenth century, with a vast collection of historic relics of all kinds. Exhibits of the produce and manufactures of the British Empire will be presented, and foreign countries will be invited to display in every department. The United States is expected to make an especially fine showing in the line of electrical appliances and machinery of all kinds.

FURTHER instances of trouble among the smaller manufacturers of boots and shoes in the Province of Quebec are reported, no doubt largely due to the cutting in prices so much indulged in of late, as well as the handicapping they have to undergo from concerns of larger resources, who are always able to take advantage of the best cash discounts. Lefebvre Freres, Montreal, noted last week as assigned, are offering 25 cents, a proposition which does not seem to meet with much favor. Their liabilities have turned out much larger than first supposed, and foot up to some \$42,000.—J. B. Hetu, a small manufacturer of casks, in the same city, has made a voluntary assignment, and owes about \$1,500.—E. Parent, who makes principally for jobbers, formerly did business in Montreal, but moved to Terrebonne upon the inducement of a bonus from that municipality. About three years ago he appealed to the indulgence of his creditors and got a settlement at 35 cents, which was considered a very advantageous one for him. Upon the expiry of the bonus arrangement about 18 months ago, he entered into arrangements to remove to St. Johns, Que., that town then having the bonus fever very badly, but finally decided to remain at Terrebonne, that town giving a further bonus. Now, to the surprise of the trade, he is again before his creditors with an offer of 20 cents on liabilities reported at \$25,000.—From Quebec we hear of the failure of Emile Bresse, also in the shoe manufacturing line. This business only dates from the spring of 1898, and has been regarded as a sort of succession to the firm of G. Bresse & Co., in which Olivier Bresse was the only partner, and who failed in the September preceding. The liabilities are put at about \$25,000, and in his "bilan" deposited in court, Mr. Bresse states he is unable to file a statement of assets, as he has not access to his books, also that \$1,500 he had in the safe mysteriously disappeared a short time ago, and that the machinery in the factory belongs to other parties, until certain payments be completed, besides other rather peculiar statements.

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