

We learn that the extensive wholesale grocery and commission business carried on by J. S. Maclean & Co., of Halifax, whose principal lately died, is to be continued by Messrs. J. W. Gorham and S. Waddell, two of the old employees of the house.

THE hardest competitors in business are not those who know the most about conducting a business, but those who know the least. From this source comes much of the cutting of prices and the damage to legitimate trade.—*Shoe and Leather Review.*

* HILAIRE BRULE was a tinsmith in a very fair way of business at St Barthelemy, Que., but two years ago went into a general stock, and this has apparently led to his downfall. He has now assigned to the prothonotary, and is said to owe \$6,600.

FIRST Drummer—Last week I took the biggest order of the season. Second Drummer—I don't believe a word of it. First Drummer—You don't, eh? Well, perhaps you'll believe this. (Triumphantly producing a paper.) Here is a letter I just got cancelling it.—*Dry Goods Reporter.*

A GENERAL dealer at River David, Que., named Victor Beaulac, has just effected a compromise at 40 cents on the dollar, secured. He owed about \$7,000, and shows a deficiency of about \$1,500. He was a wood merchant at Sorel, and began "storekeeping" about seven years ago.

Z. GRAVEL, of Montreal, who has been doing a wholesale crockery business under the style of Gravel, Kent & Co., has just assigned to the Prothonotary. He owes about \$15,500 direct, indirect, \$8,000 to their bankers. He claims an apparent surplus of from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

JOSEPH MEADE is a carpenter at Coaticoke, who, without previous experience was induced to embark in the grocery business several years ago. Lacking in ability, and being easily persuaded to overbuy by the guileful drummer, he has had a pretty hard time of it, and has now assigned, owing some \$4,000.

WAXED paper bags are now being made in New York, the interior surfaces of the paper being lined with a thin coating of paraffine, which renders the bag substantially air-tight and waterproof. Confectionery, fruit, and other eatables may be kept wholesome and fresh, and they are useful for druggists and grocers. Coffee or cheese may be kept in them without losing their aroma, and the larger sizes are valuable for storing clothing and many other uses.—*American Storekeeper.*

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THE sales of the Amherst, N.S., Boot and Shoe Company for the year, were shown by the statement presented at the annual meeting to have been \$376,041, an increase of \$53,000 on those of the previous twelve months.

THE Imperial Bank of Canada has been appointed to transact business in this country for the Cheque Bank, (limited), of London, Eng., the American agents of which are C. J. Matthews & Co., at New York. These convenient cheques, the nature and functions of which were described in these columns some weeks ago, can now be obtained upon application to the first-named bank and its branches throughout the Dominion.

SHIPBUILDING in Nova Scotia, particularly in Hants County, is looking up, and an exchange learns that if the present advance in freights continues there will be more of it. At Windsor the frame of a big four-masted schooner is being rapidly put up. At Avondale a large vessel, probably 1,500 tons is under way, and a barquentine is ready for launching. At Hantsport the frame for a large vessel of about 1,700 tons is up. At Kingsport the frame of a 2,000 ton is about half-way up, and at Maitland a 600 ton barquentine is in progress of construction.

THE police of Dunkirk, France, arrested two grocers on the charge of having for several months sold large quantities of dried leaves under the name of tea. Both the tradesmen were able to show that they had been supplied by a wholesale firm in Paris. Samples were accordingly bought from the firm and were sent to a chemist. His report indicates that the leaves submitted to him are not tea leaves. They are of a brownish color, but this is hidden under a thin coating of a bluish-green substance, which easily rubs off. Their appearance was exactly that of gunpowder tea.

WRITING about hops the *Utica Herald* says: The vines have got a bad set back recently from the cold weather. The head of the vine, the growing end, has been almost completely withered in all the old yards of cluster hops. The Humphrey and Canada vines do not seem to have felt it so severely, but the common hop has received a damage from which it is not likely to recover very soon. The main hope for it lies in sending out strong and vigorous arms that can be trained up in place of the main vine. Unless this takes place the yield of cluster hops will be a meagre one this year. Growers are much discouraged over the prospect.

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It is reported that A. J. Caron & Co., a Quebec shoe jobbing concern, is in embarrassed shape, and preparing a statement. M. Caron has had a considerable experience in this line, having failed in 1884, when he compromised at 40c. on the dollar, in summer of 1886 he asked for an extension, subsequently assigning. His present liabilities are not large. Langlois & Savarie, of Quebec, who took over the retail shoe business of the above concern last year, are also reported as being in difficulties, owing from \$4,000 to \$5,000, and showing a small nominal surplus.

THE trade between Vancouver, B. C., and Japan during the latter half of last year, according to the Japanese official *Gazette*, was as follows: The values of articles imported into and exported from Vancouver were \$600,029 and \$47,932 respectively. In the former figure \$34,002 of duty free goods is included. Imports and exports over the value of yen 100 during the period were as follows:—Imports: \$28,725 tea, \$5,331 curios, \$4,397 porcelain wares, \$1,286 toys, \$2,537 rice, \$4,972 silk goods, \$1,867 wood manufactures, and \$4,692 sweet oranges; exports: \$40,180 coal, \$6,280 timber, \$672 Chinese, and \$672 apples.

DURING the month of May the following articles composed the declared exports to the United States from the Consular district of Hamilton;

Articles.	Value.
Barley	\$12,617 44
Cattle	13,050 00
Cotton waste	1,060 08
Horses	11,755 00
Household goods.....	5,143 00
Lumber	1,405 00
Malt	1,537 20
Machinery	1,356 75
Cinder and scale.....	241 52
Wool	571 55
Miscellaneous	1,377 64

Total value\$50,115 21

—The resolve of the authorities in New York and Chicago to furnish no more quotations of stocks and grain to "bucket shops" and persons not members of the Exchanges, cut off some 600 out of the 750 dealers who had been receiving these reports from Chicago alone. The Stock Exchange reports from New York were resumed yesterday, but the Chicago grain quotations now go only in Canada to the six members of the Chicago Board in Montreal who have "tickers." There is in Toronto one broker who is a member, and in Buffalo three. But there will presently be more members, doubtless.

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