



like the present rush of orders in the whole of his experience of watch manufacturing.

Mr. M. Schwob, formerly of Montreal and now of New York, paid a visit to the city recently by way of Toronto. Mr. Schwob, who attended a meeting of the directors of the Montreal Watch Case Co., expressed himself as well content with present business in New York.

The old-fashioned cameos seem to be coming very much into fashion again in Montreal, and the lucky possessors of these relics are much envied by their less fortunate neighbors. The large shell cameos are especially the vogue for belt buckles, rare ones bringing as much as \$75 each.

Mr. G. Franklin, with the Carter, Hastings & Howe Co., New York, paid a few days' visit to Montreal towards the end of last month for the purpose of seeing his daughter.

Mr. Thos. Wright, manager for Messrs. P. W. Ellis & Co., in Montreal, recently returned from the Toronto headquarters, whither he went for the purpose of replenishing stock. Incidentally, however, he took in the annual drive and supper of the jewelers' clerks, and ably replied to the toast of the ladies.

Mr. Alex. Sterling, formerly with Mr. J. B. Williamson, has opened a jewelry store on St. Francois Xavier Street. His many friends will wish him good luck.

Mr. John Eaves, of Edmund Eaves, the well-known jobber of the Temple Building, Montreal, has been suffering with a sore face, which now, happily, is better. It has been a painful matter to Mr. Eaves, but some of his curling friends have made a joke about it, and insist that he must have struck himself with one of the "stones" while trying to make a "high shot." Thus do the ungodly make merry even concerning our afflictions!

Mr. James Beatty, for many years with the Montreal *Witness* newspaper, and father of Mr. D. Beatty, jeweler, St. Peter St., has been very ill, and hardly expected to recover, but he now, happily, has taken a turn for the better.

Mr. G. W. Reid, representing Mr. Jas. A. Pitts in Toronto, has been in Montreal preparing his samples for his coming spring trips. Mr. Pitts has also been at home on a like errand.

Mr. T. W. Coleman, representative of the Levy Bros. Co., Hamilton, was a recent visitor to Montreal.

Mr. W. Walker, representing the Toronto Silver Plate Co., had a fine display of the company's wares at the Windsor Hotel during part of February, and was seen chasing the elusive order with his usual persistency and diplomacy.

The assets of Mr. W. Barbeau, jeweler, Quebec, were sold on Feb. 13.

The sale of the stock of Messrs. P. E. Poulin & Co., jewelers, Quebec, has been withdrawn.

Mr. Henri Scott has registered as proprietor of the firm of Messrs. A. Scott & Co., jewelers, Montreal.

A couple of weeks ago, about noon, two men went into Mr. Faber's second-hand shop, Montreal, and asked the proprietor's wife, who was serving, to show them some rings. They looked over those shown them, but finally left without making a purchase. As soon as they were gone, Mrs. Faber says she missed a box of rings, and, running to the street, she

seized one of the men, and held him while a policeman was telephoned for. Constable Cox arrived and took the man to No. 8 station, where he gave his name as James Rielly. No rings were found upon him. His companion had "flown."

Some of the most audacious burglaries that have ever taken place in Montreal were perpetrated during last month, the desperadoes going so far as to "hold up" several storekeepers and their staffs while business was in progress and while citizens were passing by. It is to be trusted that the villains who robbed the bank at Sherbrooke, and who are now under lock and key, are a part of this gang, and that their punishment will be long and heavy. It is intolerable that citizens should be exposed to such dangers and loss.

HOCHELAGA.



Under this head we solicit questions of interest bearing on optics, particularly the eye, the defects of vision and their correction by glasses. All communications must be addressed to Dr. John L. Owen, 23 East Adams Avenue, Detroit, Mich., U.S., and must not be received later than the 15th of each month in order to insure publication in the following issue of "The Trader."

**W. T. Que.** "Can there be muscular weakness of one eye and not of the other? Could the rectus muscles of one eye be weak without affecting the other? Should both eyes be tested separately for muscular weakness?"

It is possible to have a muscular weakness of one eye and not of the other, but such a condition usually occurs where there is a paralysis of one muscle such as the external rectus. In ordinary cases of muscle trouble the rule is that when a muscle of one eye is weak its opposite in the other eye is also weak. Both eyes should be tested together for muscular weakness. The examination is made to ascertain whether the eyes are equally balanced or are set straight in the head. It would be rather difficult to decide positively whether one eye was set perfectly straight by examining it alone, although such cases may be met with.

**D. R., Ont.** "When examining a patient of 45 or 50 for Presbyopia and for distant vision and correcting the same, would it be of any use to test for Astigmatism, and if it were present, could it be corrected satisfactorily at that age?"

As a rule astigmatism should be corrected regardless of the age of the patient, but in cases of this kind, it has been our practice when fitting a patient particularly for reading, when they required a cylindrical lens, to try each eye separately for reading with the full correction and then remove the cylinder. If reading vision is as good without the cylinder as with it and if the patient did not complain of weak eyes until presbyopia set in, we have no doubt that the glasses would be satisfactory without the cylinder. An optician must use his best judgment in cases of this kind. Should there be a small amount of astigmatism and the patient can see as well without the cylinders, we think no harm would be done to leave them off.