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An extension of one year, unsecured, has been obtained by Wright Bros., fruit and fish dealers at New Westminster, B.C.

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A composition of 60 per cent. has been ar. ranged by O. E. Lambert, of Wawanesa, Man. This is in consequence of a recent fire in his premises. He owes \$7,000 and has nominal assets slightly less in amount.—J. M. Neeley, druggist, Prince Albert, has now assigned and his stock will be sold. Last month we noted his failure.

A FORTNIGHT ago word was given in the Toronto papers that a practical printer named Horne had received intelligence of the award of a diploma from L'Academie des Inventions in Paris for a new invention in connection with typesetting or handling, and he was desired to send \$5 for the honor. About the same time, says the Hamilton Spectator, Mr. Alex. Stuart of that city, who had invented a novel tobacco-cutter, was notified by circular that he too was honored by being elected a member of the Academy; fee \$10, on receipt of which a gold medal and diploma would be sent. It now turns out, vide an exposure made in the Empire the other day by Professor Karol de Stasicki, that the so-called Academy is a "fake" and that hundreds of inventors have been swindled out of hundreds of five and ten dollar bills by remitting for its pretended diplomas and medals.

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