



C. Lewis & Co. have dissolved their Petrolea drug business.

The sheriff of Belleville has in hand the estate of W. W. Higgins, the Trenton photographer.

A. J. Grigg, of Ridgetown, jeweler, has put his affairs into the hands of Levy Bros., of Hamilton.

Fire visited, about two weeks ago, the store of F. F. Mosher, stationer, St. Martins, N. B. Mr. Mosher says he was fully insured.

J. Dearing, Sr., who has for many years conducted a drug and stationery business in St. Johns, Newfoundland, died early in August.

W. A. McCallum is selling out his fancy goods store at the "Soo" with the intention of going to Fort William. We wish him luck in his venture.

The death of R. C. Burpee, of Pembroke, will be heard of with regret. Well known to the fancy goods trade, Mr. Burpee was universally respected by those he dealt with.

Groceries and fancy goods do not blend well in the same store. J. G. Kercher, of Milverton, tried the experiment, and others can profit by his experience. An assignment was made early in August to J. B. Escott, of London.

Thos. Broad, who has been running stationery stores in Windsor and Chatham, has assigned to Jas. McPherson. Mr. Broad has discovered by experience what reasoning should have told him, viz., that it is very difficult to make a success of two stores in the same town, and much more so where divided by a three-hour railway travel.

Beeton & Playtner, whose partnership as high-grade watch specialists and conductors of the Toronto Horological School, was only a few weeks ago announced, are now commercially divorced, Mr. Beeton taking the business, and Mr. Playtner the School. We cannot see how, single-handed, a school of this kind can be made to pay.

Ottawa is doing its level best to earn the top place among chattel mortgaged towns. We could give the names of several business men who have this month put their heads into the slip-knot, but for fear of doing an injustice to any of them we will not do so. Suffice to say that in one day we heard of seven cases of—perhaps we might call it—commercial suicide.

We had a visit two weeks ago from Mr. Todhunter, of Brandon, Man., who was in Toronto buying for his fall and Xmas. trade. Mr. Todhunter left Ontario seven years ago, and until this year has not been back, nor would he have come had not the crop pros-

pects been so very bright. He admits that the people of the Prairie Province are a little sanguine, but says it would be impossible to be otherwise with such a glorious country as their possession.

Dissolutions are in order in Montreal. A. F. Lepine & Co., printers, have dissolved, leaving the business to be continued by the widow of Chas. Lepine. Lesperance & Perrin, small wares and fancy goods, have followed the same example, but we have not heard who is the successor to the business. Porter Kemp & Co., have dissolved, evidently with the intention of bringing into the partnership Mr. Jno. L. Teskey. In future the style of the firm will be Porter Kemp & Teskey.

Fall trade with Messrs. H. A. Nelson & Sons has opened up, and they are now very busy. Dealers who have looked through their stocks are unanimous in saying that they make a showing that has never been surpassed in fine holiday goods, toys, dolls, games, etc., in Canada. This enterprising firm are issuing an illustrated catalogue of about 130 pages, and we would advise every dealer to write them for a copy to either their Toronto or Montreal house. It will be mailed free to the trade on application.

Hart & Co. struck a felicitous idea when the thought of an adjustable leather back for books intended for a transient existence occurred to them. The popular form in which such books are got up is the twelve-mo, and the leather back is made of a size to suit such. It makes a novel of the season look as if it were caressed by fashion very earnestly, to see it enveloped in a beautiful limp calf, morocco, French morocco or Japan-stamped leather cover. The cover can be slipped off one novel and upon another in a moment. It is a very tasteful thing to make a present of to anybody.

R. F. Davey, of Port Hope, has assigned to R. E. Gunther of Toronto. This will not surprise those who have watched this man's career. Coming out from England two or three years ago, he started a watch repairing shop on Yonge street, Toronto, but finding he could not make it pay, moved shortly afterwards to Port Hope, where he had some relatives. Here he decided to put in a stock of jewelry and fancy goods, but on being asked had to admit that he had no capital at all. He finally obtained some assistance from a tailor in Port Hope, but even this has not averted the expected result. We do not think that wholesalers should encourage this kind of account.

The other day we had the pleasure of inspecting Messrs. Hickson, Duncan & Co's. extensive warehouse, situated in Front street west. We were surprised at seeing such a magnificent and varied assortment of fancy goods, notions, etc., the quality of which was simply superb, and the prices extraordinarily low. Time prevented us from examining minutely all departments, but we were speci-

ally struck with the splendid lines of plush and leather articles, the styles being artistic, the colors extremely rich, and the commodities suitable for all classes of society. We would suggest to those about to purchase for the fall trade, and who are in quest for the pick of goods at a moderate figure, to give this rising and popular firm a call. You will meet with a courteous reception, as all their hands appear anxious to exhibit the various lines in stock, which are second to none in the Dominion. The travellers are at present covering the ground, and we accidentally heard that their sales for August 1889, were exactly doubled last month. This alone speaks volumes for the energy and business abilities of this firm. It is also a guarantee that customers are certain of getting saleable wares at keenest prices.

### MUSIC NOTES.

The music trade is already showing the reviving effects of the season, and publishers report a very good demand for new pieces and standard favorites. The full impulse of the start has not yet been imparted, however, as the music schools will not open for a few days.

*I Whistle and Wait for Katie.* Song. Words by Michael Nolan. Price 40c.

*Nevermore.* Song. The words by Rita, the music by Milton Wellings. Price 50c.

*Doctor Hymen.* Song. Written and composed by Henry Pontet. Price 50c.

*The Girl he left Behind.* Song. The words by Arthur Chapman, the music by Frederick Bevan. Price 50c.

*I Couldn't, Could I?* Song. Words by Dr. S. H. Emmens, the music by Joseph L. Roedel. Price 50c.

*The Bells of St. Mary's.* Song. The words by Frederic E. Weatherly, the music by Paul Rodney. Price 50c.

*Comrades.* Song. By Felix McGlennon. Price 40c.

The Anglo-Canadian Music Publishers' Association opens the season with the above new songs, all of which are popular and select. There should be a wide demand for these pieces.

*Echoes of the Ball.* By Ernest Gillet. Price 40c.

*Queen Elizabeth's Minuet.* By B. Boscovitz. Price 60c.

*Valse Caprice.* By Octave Pelletier.

The three above mentioned pieces of piano music are among the new things that I. Suckling & Sons are prepared to stock the trade with. The verdict of the musical public has already begun to be very pronounced in favor of the three pieces we have named.

Soap and water are cheap, but sell on goods is expensive.

Goods conveniently located save time, money and temper in shopping.