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The Harness Makers' Association, of Ontario, is a new organization formed in Toronto last Saturday. Over 100 dealers were present, and the general opinion was that organized effort is needed to put the trade on a better basis; that whereas prices of leather and hardware have been going up, there has been failure to adjust harness prices accordingly. The following were elected to fill the various offices: President, Benjamin Shortley, Peterboro; first vice-president, Charles Kelly, Uxbridge; second vice-president, Jno. Broderick, Mitchell; treasurer, G. P. Snow, Bradford.

THAT Manitoba's trade with the Kootenay is increasing is evidenced by the fact that Gordon & Ironsides, of Winnipeg. are shipping more cattle west than east. Patrick Burns, who operates twenty-two distributing depots and stores in the mining country, is one of the heaviest western buyers.

A HAMILTON furniture dealer, Robert McCleneghan, has assigned. A little more than three years ago he bought the business from his brother-in-law at a cost of \$11,000, and gave a chattel mortgage for the full amount of his indebtedness. Under these circumstances, one is less surprised to hear that the result is as above stated.-Last September, John McKenzie opened a dry goods store in Orillia, with less than \$1,000 capital, which was not nearly enough to compete for the competitive trade of that town. His assignment is already announced, and he mourns the probable loss of his money.

It is just thirty years since James Waters & Brother opened a dry goods store in Campbellford. Fifteen years later another brother, George, was admitted a partner, when the style of the firm was changed to J. & D. Waters & Brother. In January, 1887, David retired from the firm with \$8,000, cash, on getting which he is to be congratulated. The firm usually carried a stock of about \$15,000, and were supposed to be prosperous, but this week they assign to their principal creditor in Montreal.-Frank B. Davidson has been doing a blacksmith business at Glencoe for several years, but his chattels have always been covered by a mortgage. He makes an assignment.

· Pictou, N.S., after years of depression, caused largely by the decadence of wooden shipbuilding, is again enjoying a season of prosperity. It has a number of flourishing industries. The Hamilton Biscuit Company employs 150 hands; the McKenna Tobacco Company last year had an output of 100,000 pounds, and there are also sash and door and woodenware factories. Now the town is asking permission to spend \$20,000 to acquire a site for the Crown Copper Co., and also one for the Nova Scotia Boot and Shoe Co. The Crown Copper Co. expect to employ 150 hands. They have already expended \$100,000, and promise to continue erecting furnaces till they reach a capacity of 500 tons per day.

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