

**Personal.**

Mr. Samuel Spink, grain and produce dealer, Winnipeg, returned from Port Arthur on Friday.

The promoters of the French Canadian Board of Trade at Montreal, says that upwards of two hundred names have already been enrolled including all the French Banks and that by the time the bill for incorporation has been presented to the Local Legislature that the membership will be increased to over 1000. The idea is to work in harmony with the English board, that is, as soon as any resolution is passed it will be referred to the English board, for confirmation and a similar courtesy will be expected.

SUCH a long time has elapsed since a failure of any consequence has occurred in Winnipeg, that the announcement of the assignment of Brown & Coblenz, merchant tailors, caused considerable talk. The firm obtained an extension of time some months ago, without compromise, and have since that time been working under difficulties, so that the announcement of the assignment in trust to R. J. Whitla was not unexpected to those in the trade. The firm were not able to comply with the terms of the extension, hence the assignment. The liabilities will foot well up to \$14,000, fully one half of which is due to Winnipeg dealers. The estate will in all probability be disposed of to new parties, but by what mode has not yet been decided upon. It is expected to realize about 50c in the dollar.

**Saturday Half Holiday.**

It is the opinion of the *Dry Goods Chronicle* that the movement in favor of a Saturday half holiday grows in strength and importance in the States. Its friends are steadily increasing among those in trade as well as the public. The clergy are outspoken in its favor and have referred to it in sermons and at public meetings in its interest. The leading retail dry goods firms of the city are not opposed to the movement, and all that is required is concerted action to put it in force. Other trades would fall into line if the dry goods set the example. In other cities there is agitation on the subject caused by the movement in New York. The dry goods trade can initiate the half holiday better than any other leading business, and in doing so will stimulate tradesmen of all kinds to adopt the policy. It is one feature of the labor movement which has common grounds for agreement. In the end, it will prove a mutual benefit to employers and employed.

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