

PERSONAL NEWS.

NORTHEY & ANDERSON, who have dry goods stores at Simcoe, Orillia, and Tilsonburg, are thinking of opening up at Guelph. Branch stores have sunk many a firm in the past, and without attempting to damp any energetic merchant's ardor, it would be well to point out that history teaches many useful lessons—it is even better than experience in many cases.

Frank Sanagan is dead. He was once a leading merchant tailor in London, Ont.

John Catto & Son are the latest Toronto dry goods merchants to announce a building sale.

Sloan & Scott, the well-known Nanaimo dry goods merchants, have opened a branch establishment at Wellington.

Thomas S. Weeks is fitting up a store on Mill street, St. John, N.B., which he will shortly stock with dry goods.

Alex Smith, tailor, Belmont, Ont., has an enemy who has tried two or three times, recently, to burn out his store.

J. Sutcliffe, of J. Sutcliffe & Sons, Toronto, and Burt Sutcliffe returned last month from an extensive purchasing trip across the ocean.

McLean & Bro., having disposed of their stock of dry goods at Winnipeg, intend commencing business at Nelson, British Columbia.

Cliff Nichols will start in the dry goods business in the store recently occupied by R. A. C. Brown, on Charlotte street, St. John, N.B.

It is understood that Mr. Stanford, of Renfrew, will shortly open up a stock of dry goods in the Golden Lion Store, Almonte, vacated by Geo. Halliday & Co.

John F. Raphael, agent for John Paton, Son & Co., Alloa, Scotland, and Raphael & Co., Dublin, Ireland, linens, has removed to 8 St. Helen's street, Montreal.

The employees of the firm of E. A. Small & Co., wholesale clothiers, Montreal, presented G. R. Brehm with a pretty antique oak clock on the occasion of his marriage.

In consequence of ill health Mr. Deneau leaves the firm of Deneau & Rondot, dry goods merchants and hatters, Amherstburg. A. E. Rondot will continue the business.

A. W. Grasett, of the firm of Wyld, Grasett & Darling, has just returned from the European markets. This gentleman has the reputation of being the best print buyer in Canada.

James Eaton & Co., dry goods merchants, Yonge street, Toronto, have taken in another store, and have now a very large establishment. Three handsome new delivery wagons have been added.

W. J. Ferguson, dry goods merchant, of Stratford, has been honored by his fellow merchants by being elected president of the Board of Trade in that city. The interests of the mercantile community will not suffer in the hands of Mr. Ferguson.

J. B. Short was a dry goods merchant in Parkhill. Some time ago he was burnt out, collected his \$900 insurance, and went to Edmonton, N.W.T. The insurance companies have had him arrested, and will attempt to prove that he knew how the fire originated.

The St. John Gazette says "It has been published in a weekly paper that James Hamilton, the well-known dry goods man, secured a position in New York. Mr. Hamilton is still in St. John representing a Montreal house and hustling for life

insurance. Mr. Hamilton has at present no intention of leaving St. John, and it is more than probable that he will soon return to the retail dry goods trade."

McKendry & Co., dry goods merchants, Yonge street, Toronto, have finished their alterations, and have now the finest dry goods windows on the street. They are doing a large trade, which is due, as it always is, to effective advertising and attractive window-dressing.

A Toronto King street clothing store took fire one night and was saved by the firemen. Investigations led to the arrest of the proprietor and his son. The proprietor is John J. Noel. The insurance was \$10,000, and it was claimed that the stock was worth less than half that amount.

Mr. Blackey, buyer for the haberdashery and furnishing department of John Macdonald & Co., has returned from foreign markets. He says trade is not overly brisk in England, but still is not so bad as some reports would indicate. Mr. Fisher, neckwear buyer for Wyld, Grasett & Darling, has also returned from foreign markets, looking hale and hearty despite a rough voyage.

George Simpson, who has for many years been a resident of this city, died yesterday at his residence on Cook street. He was the eldest son of the late Sir George Simpson, who years ago, as governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, held sway in Manitoba long before the Northwest became part of the Dominion, and it was in that part of the country that the late Mr. Simpson was born, sixty-eight years ago. He leaves a widow and several grown-up children.—Victoria Colonist.

Phillip Jamieson, a leading retail clothier in Toronto, has just returned home from a business trip to Great Britain and the continent, after visiting the largest cities and manufacturing centres of England, Ireland and Scotland. Mr. Jamieson said the times were never so hard in England as at present. "Imagine," said he, "one hundred and thirty mills closed down in Huddersfield alone. This is but a single instance of the depression felt, more especially in the manufacturing districts."

The merchants who represented the Boards of Trade at Ottawa at the recent conference concerning insolvency were: Toronto Board of Trade—Hugh Blain, president; F. Wyld, C. Cockshutt, J. Short McMaster, D. E. Thomson, A. E. Kemp, C. Arnoldi, E. A. Wills. Hamilton—H. N. Kittson, president, and John Knox. London—John Baird, president, and George C. Gibbons. Montreal—Jas. A. Cantlie, C. F. Smith, J. D. Rolland, E. B. Greenshields, A. L. Kent, Thos. J. Drummond. French Chamber of Commerce—Messrs. Laporte, G. Boivin, Charles Desmarteau, Alph Ammond, C. H. Catelli, La Matche. Quebec Mr. Thos. Brodie, president; Judge Irvine, V. Chateauvert, Ed. Dupre, E. B. Garneau.

Hiram Silverman, a merchant and general storekeeper, of Webbwood, Ont., was arrested in Sudbury on April 12th, charged with defrauding Edward Ross out of \$457 worth of goods. It is charged that his frauds will reach \$8,000 or \$9,000. Among the firms interested are Matthews, Towers & Co., \$1,167; Friedman Bros., \$800; M. Vineberg & Co., \$600; A. Jacobs, \$400; Montreal Waterproof Co., \$150; Lyons Silverman, \$280; Fogarty Bros., \$200, and Coleman & Co., \$300. Silverman's scheme when he came to Montreal for goods was, it is alleged, to represent that he had lots of property, and the goods were sent on. When the time came for payment there was no money, and on investigation it was found that his property was in his wife's name, and that he had given a chattel mortgage to his brother for all the stock in the store.