

BLACK bath ribbon is in such demand in London that the drapers find it almost impossible to secure a sufficient quantity

F. M. COWPERTHWAIT and C. C. Gray, of Montreal, have registered a partnership under the name of the Canadian Fibre Chamols Company

WALTER BLUM, of Sherbrooke, Que., is erecting the new building for his wholesale clothing stores recently referred to in this journal. The building will be 102 feet long by 50 feet wide

GEO. W. MOSS, of Montreal, well known in the thread business throughout Canada, died last month. He had retired from business four or five years ago. He was a man of high character in business

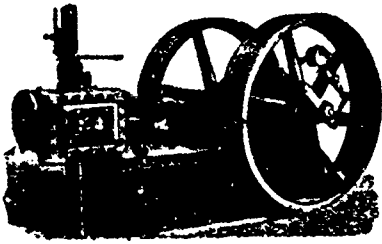
MACFARLANE & PATERSON, Montreal, manufacturers of suspenders and dealers in gents' furnishings, have assigned at the demand of Wm. Donahue. The direct liabilities are about \$25,000, and indirect \$30,000.

MRS. VERMILYEA, corset manufacturer, formerly of Toronto and Belleville, who was recently in trouble with the customs authorities of Toledo, Ohio, on a charge of smuggling corsets from Canada, has been released. The charge was attributed to spite, as the complainant was a girl who had been discharged from Mrs. Vermilyea's employ.

The surveying party engaged in locating the line of the Winnipeg and Great Northern Railway, came across a remarkable beaver dam some distance north of Gladstone, a few days ago. It

extends across a slight depression and is fully 1,000 feet long, and from four to five feet wide at the top, with sloping sides. The dam is built of chips, sticks, stones, clay, etc., and the work so cleverly executed that it seems incredible that it could have been done by animals. A skillful engineer could not have planned the work better, and modern mechanics could not build a more substantial structure. It is evidently very old, but has withstood the ravages of time with almost as much resistance as if it were a solid wall of rock. The dam, at one time, must have held back quite a large body of water.

The death last month of Arthur Thompson, son of Thomas Thompson, the well known clothier and dry goods dealer of Toronto, was a very tragic event. Two weeks before his end his wife left him because he had several times attempted suicide by taking doses of poison which had produced unconsciousness. These followed sudden outbursts of anger. At noon on the day of his death he went to his old home, accompanied by one of his employees named Edwards. They were received by his wife. He suddenly went upstairs and returned gasping. Then he gave a scream and fell dead. Doctors Aylesworth and Lynd were called, and discovered that he had taken an ounce of hydrocyanic acid. His financial prospects were bright, and he and his wife were very popular in Toronto. They were great bicyclists. Mrs. Thompson is a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Stafford. They have one child. The deceased was only 27 years old.



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