

THE NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, March 7, 1896.

MY letter last month spoke of the bill then about to be introduced in the Local Legislature in reference to early closing. The bill was introduced and has passed both Houses without opposition. But opposition is coming from an unexpected source. Ninety per cent. of the trade must sign a petition to the City Council asking for the enforcing of the Act before it can come into operation. The few opponents of early closing have inaugurated an agitation against the signing of this petition. The argument against early closing is that small shopkeepers who do business in the evenings will have their trade thrown among the large dealers. The question has become a live one down here, and the newspapers are deluged with interviews and letters on the subject.

Messrs. McPherson & Freeman, who will soon be ready to move into their handsome new premises on Gottingen street, are having a clearance sale preparatory to moving.

Scovil & Page, ready-made clothing and gents' furnishings, are about to make extensive improvements to their place of business on Barrington street. They have leased the three upper flats of the building on the corner, over Lane & Connolly's book store, which adjoins their own premises. They will engage in the custom clothing business.

Fraser, Fraser & Co. ready-made clothing, of St. John, N.B., are preparing to open a branch here.

The big fire in Gordon & Keith's furniture warehouse caused some discomfort to the millinery establishments of L. E. Bon Marche, A. O'Connor and Mrs. McApine. Their stock was

more or less damaged in being removed, but was fully covered by insurance.

George McLaughlin has closed up his dry goods business here. S. Riordan, of Annapolis, has taken the stock. The store is now used as an auction room.

A fair spring trade is being done throughout the province. Remittances are reported slow.

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HOW THEY DO IN ENGLAND.

The advertising nuisance again. This time it strikes a new note. A "Nervous Old Lady" writes to *The Times* as follows: "Imagine my dismay last night at being suddenly awakened by a maid, who stood at my bedside with a telegram, lighted a candle, and immediately disappeared. I tore open the envelope, but alas! without spectacles I could see nothing. I got up in an agony of suspense—having relations in the Transvaal—hunted all over the room for my glasses, and when at length I found them, what do you suppose I read? 'Peter Robinson's Sale now proceeding.'" That one should be pursued by telegraphic advertisements, forwarded by one's servants to the postal—not the telegraphic—address, so that one has to pay miles of portage, is, thinks this "nervous old lady," abominable. And we are tempted to agree with her.

TRADE IS GOOD HERE.

The goods of the Berlin Suspender & Button Co. continue to meet with increased appreciation, and buyers once are buyers always. This season orders have been coming in freely, and a large output is expected this year.

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W. R. BROCK & Co.

Our Stock throughout the warehouse in the various departments is now complete.

Our Travellers start on their different routes with their samples in "A 1" shape and with the addition of many new lines of late novelties.

We shall be pleased to hear from you through our travellers, or by letter, telegraph, or telephone, and will guarantee a satisfactory fulfilment of all orders received; but a personal inspection of our stock is what we most desire.