

Mr. DAVID BREMNER, an assistant electrician in the service of the Brush Electric Light Corporation of London, is at present in Uleaborg, Russia, Finland, superintending an "installation" of the electric light in a large residential hotel. This is said to be the most northerly installation which has yet been attempted.

In 1882 the French government offered a prize of \$10,000 for the discovery of the greatest value relating to the utilization of electricity for any of the following purposes: As a source of heat, of light or of chemical action; as a means of transmission of mechanical power, or of verbal communication in any form; or, finally, as a curative agent. It is now announced that June 30, 1887, will be the latest date for entering the competition, and that the prize will be awarded in the following December. The competition is open to all, without restriction, and savants of all nations are invited to participate in the award.

In order, doubtless, that the surroundings of their spacious premises may accord with the ornamental nature of their wares, Messrs. D. McCall & Co., of this city, have been indulging a taste for the beautiful in wall paper, paint and office furnishings. Without entering into details, it may be said that the effect to the eye of the visitor, on entering the main door, is exceedingly pleasant. A glance at the walls and ceilings indicate that a considerable outlay of money has been entailed in transforming their hitherto plain appearance into one of handsome and harmonious coloring. The finish of the private office implies comfort as well as elegance, and the customer who could pay his bill over the new counting-house desk in anything but a pleasant mood, would do a serious injustice to the artist in woodwork and plate glass. Messrs. McCall & Co. have also secured increased accommodation for the transaction of their business by annexing the adjoining warehouse.

ONE of the advantages possessed by a boot and shoe man over the dry goods dealer is pointed out by the *Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter*. It says:—A lady has no special object in making the salesman pull out dozens of pairs of shoes when she has no intention of buying. One shoe is to her inexperienced eye almost the same as another. In fact, with many of the fair sex, this kind of shopping is looked upon as rather unpleasant. They want to get through with it as soon as possible, and generally don't give the clerk much unnecessary trouble. Here's where the shoe men have the advantage of the dry goods people. They have a prospect when they are waiting on a customer that their efforts will result in something. The bright dress goods in the dry goods stores, on the other hand, take the eyes of the ladies. They want to see them closer and feel of them. They price them and wonder if a certain piece will match some article of their apparel. They query about it and finally lay it down longingly, only to take up some other kind of fabric. They often wind up by buying a pincushion, a comb, or some cheap gew gaw. But if the shoe salesman can furnish the style that is approved, and the fit that is satisfactory, they will seldom miss a sale.

GEORGE & JOHNSON began as general storekeepers at Bancroft not long ago but were without capital and have already assigned to S. Ross & Co. of Madoc, who are the principal creditors.—Another little concern started with trifling capital or none in Caledon East, has failed. J. B. Lawson was the nominal proprietor—Samuel Coll, a shoe dealer in Leamington, has assigned, and his stock amounting to \$1,800, was offered for sale yesterday.—Another shoe dealer in trouble is Joseph Reycraft at Ridgetown. After being in business several years has found it necessary to assign.

H. B. GARDINER, a cigar manufacturer in Chatham, has got into trouble by giving accommodation to Isaacs, of Montreal, to the extent of \$20,000. The result is that his assets are entirely depleted, and his estate will not, it is believed, pay one per cent.—A meeting of the creditors of G. W. Savage, general storekeeper at Cyprus, has been held, and he has meanwhile assigned. We have not yet learned further particulars.—An impression existed among the trade that R. J. Hill was doing a good and paying business in Durham. This would seem to have been a mistake, for we hear this week of his assignment.—And Mc-Girr, a general storekeeper at Feversham, failed in 1879, and then obtained a reduction of 50 per cent. on his liabilities. He is again in trouble now and makes an assignment with liabilities of \$2,000. His assets are nominally \$450. Less attention, on his part, to outside matters would have been better for Mr. McGirr's creditors.—The carriage building firm of Steele & McLagan has called a meeting of creditors. They appear to be industrious men but lack capacity for business.—Murray & Gafney, plumbers of this city, are reported to have left. They evidently undertook to demonstrate a reform in the high charges usually made by their craft. But after six months' trial the public will regret that they were unsuccessful.—A meeting was held of the Toronto Mucilage Co.'s creditors and a statement was submitted showing assets of \$4,700 and liabilities of \$9,700. Twenty per cent. of the claims was offered to be paid, but this compromise was refused. Creditors have ordered an investigation.—Another victim of the Isaac's failure is that of Thos. Winfield, fruit dealer in this city. He appears to have lost heavily by investing in apples, and endorsing accommodation paper to the amount of \$4,000 or \$5,000 was the final straw.

## STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Sept. 8th, 1886.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average \$c.
Montreal .....	224½	219½	1117	224½	224	201½
Ontario .....	125	120	302	122½	121½	109
Peoples .....	100	96	76	100	96	.....
Molson .....	150	130	16	145	138	125
Toronto .....	210	203½	221	208½	207½	187½
Jac. Cartier .....	131½	128½	1174	131	130½	116
Merchants .....	125½	122½	656	125	124½	128
Commerce .....	130	128	2163	129½	129	128½
Union .....	81½	79½	1705	80½	80½	60½
Montreal Tel. ....	196½	189½	5463	196½	196	117
Rich. & Ont. ....	218½	216½	3693	217½	216½	189
City Passenger .....	65	65	1475	65½	65½	46
Gas .....	65	60	25	65	62½	41
C. Pacific R. R. ....						
N. W. Land .....						

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We observe the failure of a firm of woollen manufacturers at Middle River, county of Picton, N. S., George Kerr & Co., have made an assignment with liabilities of \$19,000, assets nominally \$16,000.—T. A. Tufts, mill owner at Kingston, N. B., was burned out, having no insurance. His loss was \$1,500.

THE creditors of F. F. Kirkpatrick, Killarney, Manitoba, held a meeting and a statement was submitted. It showed liabilities of \$2,400. He appears to have surplus assets of \$800.—W. Wellband, a boot and shoe dealer in Winnipeg, has been irregular in meeting payments, and his assignment is announced. A local house has a judgment of \$2,500 against his estate.

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