

trait of a Roman Emperor was to be seen at the Paris Exhibition of 1878. After the barbarian invasion, the art became the secret of a very few, without, it would seem, ever declining to distinction; for the diamond clasp fastened the imperial mantle of Charlemagne at his coronation had the natural faces of crystals rudely polished, and cut diamonds have occasionally been found on mediæval church ornaments.

The fashionable rage at present is for everything American. American ladies are the most eagerly sought for in London society; American writers command their own terms in the magazines, especially if they have certificates to show that they are real "American humourists; American novelists write for three or four periodicals at a time; in short, to "take" with the public, all things must come from New York, Boston, or Philadelphia, from a mouse-trap to a clothes-wringer, from a ballet-dancer to a countess.

We are glad to learn from the Melbourne papers, that Mr. D. D. Manson, the representative of the Waltham Watch Co., at the Melbourne International Exhibition, has disposed of their entire exhibit, for the sum of \$75,000. They have been bought by dealers residing in Melbourne, and will be delivered as soon as the Exhibition closes. We understand that Mr. Manson's sales have been very large since his arrival in Australia, and that the Company are highly pleased with his success.

SOME of our Canadian manufacturers have a world-wide reputation, and none probably are more justly famed than the goods turned out by our carriage makers. The past week one Montreal maker shipped a fine covered buggy to the Cape of Good Hope, while another firm in the same city shipped several vehicles of the same kind to Siam. Lord Dufferin justly appreciated the excellencies of Canadian made carriages and sleighs, and upon being appointed to his present post at St. Petersburg, ordered a double sleigh from a Montreal maker. British officers who have served with regiments stationed in Canada have also done much to advertise our makers, and orders from England and Scotland are not seldom received.

DETROIT is forming a company to build the Fontaine locomotive, which some

railroad men think will revolutionize the construction of locomotives. The Fontaine engine differs from the standard engine in having the power applied by a single rod on each side running from the cylinder to a large drive wheel immediately above the front driver on the ordinary locomotive. The upper drive wheel is of the same diameter as the lower, but it bears upon a flange several inches smaller than the lower driver, and thus brings into play the principle of large and small pulleys in the driving of ordinary machinery. The Fontaine locomotive also has no dead centres, for the lower driver acts as a huge balance wheel, carrying the upper wheel past the point where power is lost.

BUSINESS CHANGES FOR DECEMBER

John Webster, hardware, Brussels, Ont., has sold out to Benj. Gerry; Robert Keebe, tins &c., Newry, Ont., removed to Wellesley; Wright & Co., hardware, Napanee, Ont., dissolved, R. G. Wright continues; Wm. Lemon, hardware, Forest, has sold his business; G. H. Bertram, hardware, Lindsay, Ont., selling off and retiring from business; W. D. Brock, tins and stoves, Wyoming, Ont., has sold out; W. C. Allgeo, jeweller, Hamilton, Ont., been sold out by Sheriff; L. E. Battagay, jeweller, Toronto, selling out by auction; Jacob Graber, jeweller, Montreal, dead; Stuart & Sheppard, hardware manufacturers, Brockville, Albert Stuart, dead; M. C. Potts, hardware, Palmerston, has sold out; Decondu & Co., hardware, Joliette, Que., burned; Chinic, Beaudet & Co., wholesale hardware, Quebec, dissolved, Hon. E. Chinic retiring; new firm will be Beaudet & Chinic.

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THE Toronto retail firm of Johnson, Dixon & Co. paints, oils, and glass, have sold out to Mr. James W. Paton, Yonge St., in the same line, who took possession on 1st prox.

A CONTRACT to manufacture five thousand pairs of skates for Messrs Crathern & Caverhill, of Montreal, has been undertaken by the Guelph Sewing Machine Company.

ROBERT PATTERSON, late Great Western Railway and Manitoba excursion agent at Paris, took a severe attack of bronchitis on Friday afternoon and died at four o'clock next day.

THE efficient surveyer of Customs of this Port, Mr John Douglas, has received from the Department, we are informed, a handsome sum in recognition of his services as acting collector since the removal of the late collector Mr. James E. Smith.

THE owner of the diamond found at the ballast wharf, Newcastle, N. B., has returned from Europe, whither he went for the purpose of disposing of it. He was informed that his diamond was too soft, but the proposition was made that if he cared to run the risk it could be worked and he be paid what it was worth. This proposal was not accepted.

IT is stated that small silver to the amount of \$120,000 reached the Receiver General's Office in this city, on the 24th ult., and that \$80,000 more is on the way. This has lessened the scarcity of small change.

DUBLIN, the jewellery smuggler, captured at Sarnia, has been convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment on two indictments. His chief punishment lies in the confiscation of the smuggled jewellery found in his possession when arrested, which is valued at \$1,000 or more.

CHEAP COAL AT EDMONTON.—The proprietor of the hotel at Edmonton, N.W.T., has procured all the coal necessary for his use on the banks of the Saskatchewan opposite that place. The bank has three seams in sight. The upper one, which is thirty feet below the top of the bank, is twenty inches thick. The next seam is some eight feet below that and is five feet thick, and is first rate coal. The lower seam is thirty inches thick, and is quite good enough coal for anybody.

MR. EUGENE FONTAINE, the inventor of the new locomotive bearing his name, which was built at Patterson, N. J., and is attracting much attention in the west, was born near Quebec, of French Canadian parents, learned his trade as machinist at Rouse's Point N. Y., is forty six years old, and lives in Detroit, Mich., where five years ago he took charge of the "Pin Works." The Fontaine locomotive has four driving wheels revolving above the boiler upon the flanges on the smaller wheels below running upon the tracks, the lower wheels revolving one and three-quarter times to each revolution of the upper wheels. It is reported to have run a mile in forty eight seconds.

W. C. Allgeo, jeweler of Hamilton, has decamped for parts unknown, but generally supposed to be the United States. The stock has been sold by the bailiff under power of foreclosure of a mortgage given by Allgeo to one Fanny Gould, his sister. The whole affair looks like a put up job on the creditors, for what Allgeo has not taken with him has been swallowed up in satisfying the chattel mortgage given to his sister. The only pity is that the extradition treaty will not allow the arrest of such a scoundrel as Allgeo wherever found in the United States, as he should certainly be made an example of.

PRESENTATION TO MR KEMP.—On the 2nd Decr a number of personal friends of Mr. J. C. Kemp, retiring manager of the Bank of Commerce, at Hamilton, presented him with a valuable service of silverware at his residence. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, among them the Hon. A. Hope, Mr. Broughton, Manager of the G. W. R., Judge Sinclair, Mr. Burns, manager of the Federal Bank; Mr. Hammond, manager of the Bank of Hamilton; Messrs. Benner, Cameron, Mason, Billings, Roach, C. Hope, Glasgow, E. Mitchell, Crerar, Brown, and other leading citizens. Mr. Crerar made the presentation in a few well chosen remarks. On one of the pieces the following was engraved:—"Presented to John C. Kemp, Esq., by a few of his personal friends in Hamilton on the occasion of his removal to Toronto, 1880."

The merchants and tradesmen of Durham have shown commendable unanimity in limiting the term of credit to their customers. Some thirty of them, including eight general dealers, three harness dealers, grocers, milliners, founders, and blacksmiths, etc., have signed the follow-